

Thunbergia erecta

(Bush Clock Vine, King's Mantle)

Thunbergia erecta is a herbaceous perennial with glossy, ovate leaves. Its slightly fragrant blooms occur all year long, especially in the summer. This plant produces rounded seed capsules that end in a beak. The Sweet Clock Vine should be grown in an area of the landscape that receives full sun to partial shade. It prefers well drained soils and is moderately drought tolerant. Water this plant generously and protect it from strong winds.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Thunbergie érigée

Pronunciation: thun-BER-jee-uh ee-RECK-tuh

Plant Type: Vine

Origin: Tropical Africa

Heat Zones: 10, 11, 12

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12

Uses: Hedge, Container, Facade, Trellis

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Slow

Tree Shape:

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 3 to 5 m

Spread at Maturity: 3 to 5 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Oval

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Glossy

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Type: Cyme

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Seasons: Year Round

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Smooth

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Year Round

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: No

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Part

Management

Toxicity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting
