

Parthenocissus tricuspidata

(Boston Ivy / Japanese Creeper / Japanese Ivy)

Parthenocissus tricuspidata is a deciduous climber with showy leaves suitable for climbing on walls and especially for large building walls. It has a tri-lobed foliage that is glossy green during the summer that turns to a spectacular yellow to scarlet in the fall. In Autumn miniature grape-like fruits are hidden by the foliage and are often eaten by the birds



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Lierre de Boston

Pronunciation: par-the-no-SIS-us try-cuss-peh-DAY-tuh

Plant Type: Vine

Origin: Japan, China

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Hardiness Zones: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Uses: Screen, Hedge, Erosion control, Facade, Ground cover

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Upright

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 15 to 23 m

Spread at Maturity: 8 to 10 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Reticulate

Leaf Persistence: Deciduous

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Cordate

Leaf Margins: Serrate

Leaf Textures: Waxy

Leaf Scent:

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Yellow, Orange, Brown, Red, Purple, Copper

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Seasons: Year Round

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Smooth

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Blue

Seasons: Year Round

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part, Shade

Management

Toxicity: No

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Surface Rooting: Yes

Life Span: 25-50 years

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Mites

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting, Layering

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