

# American kidney bean 'Amethyst Falls'

*Wisteria frutescens* 'Amethyst Falls' Also known as: **American wisteria 'Amethyst Falls'**

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This description is for species *American kidney bean (Wisteria frutescens)*:

The lesser known of the Wisteria climbing shrubs, *Wisteria frutescens* is nonetheless one of the most impressive. Its bright green foliage marks it out as a very attractive option, with glossy, pinnate leaves ensuring a light freshness prevails at least until autumn. Commonly called the American Wisteria, it flowers quite late in the season, with its highly fragrant lilac or purple blossoms emerging in summer. It is also more discreet, with its pendulous floral panicles hiding behind thick foliage. But it can bloom in its first year, thus negating the patience usually needed for Wisteria. It thrives in moist but well-drained, and humus-rich soil. Pruning in spring is recommended.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Known dangers?</b> yes	<b>Acidity</b> Acidic Neutral Alkaline	<b>Standard category</b> Climbers

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<b>Dangers: comments</b> Avoid eating this plant, or risk having mild stomach upset.	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z6-10	<b>Grown for</b> Fragrant flowers
<b>Height [m]</b> 5	<b>Heat zone</b> H10-4	<b>Creative category</b> Fine fragrants For Beginners Colours Show-offs For birds & bees Roses & classics
<b>Spread [m]</b> 5	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> -23 - 4	<b>Garden type</b> Cottage garden City
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Violet	<b>Heat days</b> 14 - 180	<b>Garden spaces</b> Walls, trellises and pergolas
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> Yes, let it smell	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained but frequently watered	<b>Gardening expertise</b> beginner
<b>Flowering seasons</b> Early spring Mid spring Late spring Early summer	<b>Soil type</b> sandy Clay chalky loams	<b>Time to reach full size</b> up to 20 years
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Green	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun Partial shade	
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Green	<b>Exposure</b> Sheltered	
<b>Foliage in Autumn</b> Yellow		
<b>Propagation methods</b> grafting basal cuttings layering		