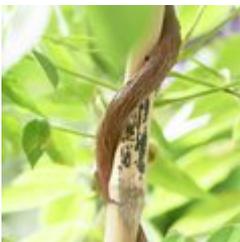


American kidney bean

Wisteria frutescens Also known as: **American wisteria**

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

American Wisteria is fragrant but highly toxic climber (insert obvious Desperate Housewives joke here...)

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
Known dangers? yes	Acidity Acidic Neutral Alkaline	Standard category Climbers

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Dangers: comments Avoid eating this plant, or risk having mild stomach upset.	Hardiness zone Z5-9	Grown for Fragrant flowers
Height [m] 10	Heat zone H9-3	Creative category For Beginners Colours Show-offs Roses & classics Tough survivors
Spread [m] 6	Winter temperatures [°C] -29 - -1	Garden type Cottage garden City
Dominant flower colour Purple	Heat days 7 - 150	Garden spaces Walls, trellises and pergolas
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Moisture well-drained but frequently watered	Gardening expertise beginner
Flowering seasons Early summer Mid summer Late summer	Soil type sandy Clay chalky loams	Time to reach full size up to 20 years
Foliage in spring Green	Sun requirements Full sun Partial shade	
Foliage in summer Green	Exposure Sheltered	
Propagation methods grafting basal cuttings layering		
Growth habit Spreading		