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# Austrian Clematis 'Blue Dancer'

*Clematis alpina* 'Blue Dancer'

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This description is for species *Austrian Clematis (Clematis alpina)*:

The Austrian Clematis is a delightful plant that sports drooping purple blooms during the springtime. During the autumn it becomes covered in fluffy seed heads. It's a climbing plant so looks fabulous grown up a trellis or wall, but does like a full sunlight or partially shaded position to best thrive. It can also be successfully grown in pots or containers. Clematis alpine is a hardy little number that can cope with the worst weather that Mother Nature sees fit to throw at it, making it especially suited to growing in the UK.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Known dangers?</b> yes	<b>Acidity</b> Neutral Alkaline	<b>Standard category</b> Climbers
<b>Dangers: comments</b> Avoid eating this plant, or you may have mild stomach upset. Its sap may irritate your skin.	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z3-9	<b>Grown for</b> None
<b>Height [m]</b> 2	<b>Heat zone</b> H9-6	<b>Creative category</b> For Beginners Colours Show-offs Roses & classics Tough survivors Author's choice
<b>Spread [m]</b> 2.5	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> -40 - -1	<b>Garden type</b> Cottage garden

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<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Blue	<b>Heat days</b> 45 - 150	<b>Garden spaces</b> Walls, trellises and pergolas Shade Camouflage
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> No, neutral please	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained but frequently watered	<b>Gardening expertise</b> beginner
<b>Flowering seasons</b> Mid spring Late spring Early summer	<b>Soil type</b> sandy Clay chalky loams	<b>Time to reach full size</b> 2 to 5 years
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Green	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun Partial shade	
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Green	<b>Exposure</b> Exposed Sheltered	
<b>Foliage in Autumn</b> Green		
<b>Propagation methods</b> semi-ripe cuttings softwood cuttings seed basal cuttings division layering		
<b>Growth habit</b> Climbing		