

# Black-eyed Susan Vine

*Thunbergia alata*

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This description is for *Black-eyed Susan Vine (Thunbergia alata)*:

## Loves wall climbing, like an orange Spiderman.

When looking to cover that boring exterior wall with some inviting foliage, it is impossible to go wrong with *Thunbergia alata*. Better known as the Black-eyed Susan Vine, its flower is similar in appearance to another of the same common name - the *Rudbeckia* genus - but it can climb walls, trellises and other surfaces. Its thick mid-green foliage comprises a multitude of glossy, furrowed heart-shaped leaves, but its flowers are the real eye-catcher. Emerging in summer, the flowers are bright orange with a distinctive black eye in the centre. The Black-eyed Susan Vine thrives in well-drained soil, and full sun, and its long thin vines can be easily trained.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<p><b>Known dangers?</b> no</p>	<p><b>Hardiness zone</b> Z11-15</p>	<p><b>Standard category</b> Exotic, house plants &amp; other House plants</p>
<p><b>Height [m]</b> 1.5</p>	<p><b>Heat zone</b> H12-10</p>	<p><b>Grown for</b> Attractive Flowers</p>

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<b>Spread [m]</b> 0.6	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> 4 - 0	<b>Creative category</b> Fast growing For Beginners
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Varies	<b>Heat days</b> 150 - 210	<b>Garden type</b> Indoor or winter garden Cottage garden Containers
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> No, neutral please	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained but frequently watered	<b>Garden spaces</b> Walls, trellises and pergolas Borders
<b>Flowering seasons</b> Early summer Mid summer Late summer Early autumn Mid autumn Late autumn	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun	<b>Gardening expertise</b> beginner
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Green		<b>Time to reach full size</b> 1 to 2 years
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Green		
<b>Foliage in Autumn</b> Green		
<b>Foliage in winter</b> Green		
<b>Propagation methods</b> semi-ripe cuttings Greenwood cuttings seed layering		
<b>Growth habit</b> Climbing Twining		