

Boston ivy

Parthenocissus tricuspidata Also known as: **Japanese ivy, Japanese creeper**

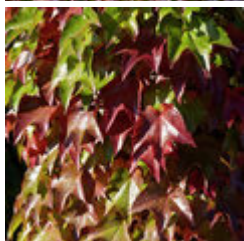
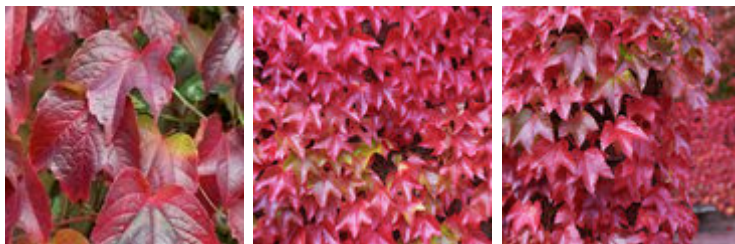
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This description is for **Boston ivy** (*Parthenocissus tricuspidata*):

Boston Ivy can be planted in areas of full sunlight, partial shade or full shade. Talk about indecisive...

Parthenocissus tricuspidata or Boston ivy is a self-clinging climber with green summer foliage that becomes a vibrant purple or red in autumn. The leaves are generally oval-shaped or three-lobed. Boston ivy has small green flowers during summer and blue berries during autumn. This climber grows in any soil that is fertile with good drainage. Boston ivy can be planted in areas of full sunlight, partial shade and full shade, though for maximum impact from autumn colouring this plant should be placed in partial or full shade. Boston ivy should be pruned during autumn or the beginning of winter to keep it in check. This striking climber will definitely draw attention with its vivid autumn colouring and is a good choice for use with trellises and arches or on fences and walls.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
Known dangers? yes	Acidity Acidic Neutral Alkaline	Standard category Climbers
Dangers: comments Avoid eating its berries, or risk having mild stomach upset.	Hardiness zone Z4-9	Grown for Ornamental foliage and autumn colour
Height [m] 20	Heat zone H8-1	Creative category For Beginners We love the dark Bonsai
Spread [m] 8	Winter temperatures [°C] -34 - -1	Garden type Cottage garden City
Dominant flower colour Inconspicuous or absent	Heat days 0 - 120	Garden spaces Walls, trellises and pergolas Shade
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Moisture well-drained	Gardening expertise beginner
Flowering seasons Early summer Mid summer Late summer	Soil type sandy Clay chalky loams	Time to reach full size up to 10 years
Foliage in spring Green	Sun requirements Full sun Partial shade Full shade	
Foliage in summer Green	Exposure Exposed Sheltered	
Foliage in Autumn Pink or purple		
Propagation methods Greenwood cuttings softwood cuttings layering Hardwood cuttings		
Growth habit Climbing		