

Botanical Name: Cissus rhombifolia

Common Name: Grape ivy

Type of Plant: dicot; vine Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape low, loose mounding habit--will grow up walls, fences, and trellises by means of tendrils to become a vine

Height 10-20' Spread 10-20' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor partial sun or shade (full sun near coast)

Soil prefers well-draining loam -- tolerates most

Hardiness some frost (zones 13,15,16,21-24); prefers warm habitat

Morphology:

Leaves trifoliate, alternate (technically opposite, but one is modified into tendril), leaflets rhomboid, 2-4" long, toothed

Flowers tiny greenish white flowers in panicles

Fruit small purple drupe to 1/4" diameter

Propagation: softwood/semihardwood cuttings, seed

Usage: vine for soft foliage effects, hanging baskets, planters, low mounding filler or facer; sometimes used as a groundcover in subtropical or tropical landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering regular--tolerates occasional

Fertilizing balanced as needed; correct chlorosis as required

Pruning selectively head back to maintain size

Pests/Diseases snails/slugs

Special Conditions prefers a cool, moist root run but leaves will tolerate sun

Origin: Venezuela-Columbia Family: Vitaceae