

Botanical Name: Distictis 'Rivers'

Common Name: Royal trumpet vine

Type of Plant: dicot; vine Family Bignoniaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape vigorous evergreen vine with beautiful lavender-purple trumpet flowers; climbs with tendrils and long aggressive stems

Height to 20 ft Spread 30 to 40 ft. Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers a well-drained soil; not fussy after established

Hardiness tender -- Zones 16, 22-24

Morphology:

Leaves ovate leaflets to 3" long forming in pairs, oppositely arranged; leaves are deep, lustrous green and somewhat leathery

Flowers purple trumpet flowers in clusters at the ends of branches through the warm season -- very striking and decorative

Fruit rare -- 12" silique

Propagation: semi hardwood cuttings in fall

Usage: one of the most glamorous and attractive of all of the flowering vines -- grown for flowers in tropical or sub-tropical theme gardens; makes a bold statement, but can also be used as a backdrop for other plants

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular watering -- does not appreciate drought

Fertilizing balanced, slow release fertilizer when planting

Pruning head back regularly to control size and encourage fuller appearance

Pests/Diseases none major

Other somewhat easier to contain than D. buccinatoria

Origin: Mexico