

Botanical Name: Akebia quinata

Common Name: Chocolate vine, Five-leaf akebia

Type of Plant: dicot; vine Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Climbing, spreading, medium textured vine with climbing branches and tendrils

Height 15' - 20' Spread 15' - 20' Growth Rate moderate-rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil tolerates most any soil

Hardiness hardy (all zones)

Morphology:

Leaves palmately compound, leaflets dull green, oblong, 2"-3" long, 3-7 leaflets per leaf

Flowers dull, brownish purple, globular to 3/4" across in early spring - opens at night

Fruit thick sausage-like to 3" long, purple, edible

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: effective covering for fences, posts or columns; very hardy for cold climates

Landscape Care:

Watering average watering through growing season

Fertilizing balanced in spring if needed

Pruning head back hard in winter - can be cut to the ground

Pests/Diseases no major pests

Special Conditions

Origin: China, Japan, Korea Family: Lardizabalaceae