

Botanical Name: Clematis armandii

Common Name: Evergreen clematis

Type of Plant: dicot; vine Family Ranunculaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape coarse, tropical-looking evergreen vine with leathery, glossy leaves often arranged somewhat vertically

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

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred; performs best if roots are shaded

Soil requires a well-drained soil; salt burn can be severe in saline soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-9, 12-24); thrives where roots are cool

Morphology:

Leaves trifoliate; leaflets narrowly lanceolate, to 6" long, stiff and leathery; susceptible to salt burn where drainage is poor and water is saline

Flowers terminal clusters of white, 2" across fragrant flowers in spring and early summer

Fruit flattened achenes

Propagation: semihardwood cuttings, root cuttings

Usage: spectacular spring bloomer for white, fragrant flowers; used to cover large trellis, arbor or fence, good in large-scale plantings and open areas; good climbing trees, as a visual screen

Landscape Care:

Watering likes regular watering; keep soil mulched for best results

Fertilizing balanced in spring before growth begins

Pruning thin heavily during dormant season to prevent thatch buildup

Pests/Diseases be sure drainage is excellent and water heavily to prevent salt burn

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Origin: China