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Chinese gooseberries, Kiwi fruit

Actinidia are vigorous, and normally hardy, twining climbers with alternate, simple, leaves that inhabit shrubby woodland areas of East Asia.

Examples of the species offered by Burncoose can be found growing on the walls in the main walled garden of the nursery. Actinidia are ideal for growing in this way where they can display their (occasionally variegated) foliage and fruits to best effect. They can however also be left to roam up through other evergreen shrubs as they would in the wild. Those species which produce edible fruits are best grown as adjacent (or even intertwined) pairs of male and female plants so that cross fertilisation and a good crop is produced.

A. arguta 'Issai' is self-fertile and grows in full sun in the nursery where it has formed a dense clump against a south facing wall. It is 12-15ft in height and the 'clump' at the top of the plant has been pruned over the years to keep it under control. The white flowers open in June and July and are followed by rounded greenish-yellow fruits of less than an inch in size. This is a fully hardy deciduous climber but the fruit is not that special.



Actinidia arguta



Actinidia arguta 'Issai'



Actinidia deliciosa



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'Tomuri'



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Actinidia kolomikta



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Actinidia pilosula



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