

Cissus - Growing Guide

Growing *Cissus Striata* – Ivy Of Uruguay

(*Ampelopsis sempervirens*, *Parthenocissus striata*, *Vitis striata*)

This is a vigorous evergreen climber which produces clinging tendrils and can grow up to 30ft with some support on a wall or up through a mature tree. The palmate leaves are 1.5-3in across and composed of five dark green leaflets which are coarsely toothed at the points.

At Ventnor Botanic Gardens this plant grows up through huge evergreen *Quercus ilex* trees where its green flowers hang down in small cymes. These are followed by green grape or currant like fruits which turn black when ripe. It has performed similarly on a wall in the nursery.

With us this species of *cissus* has proved completely hardy unlike other South American species within this large genus which we have occasionally tried to grow.

At first sight it looks more like a vine than another separate genus and so its alternative names imply.



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