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Parthenocissus - Growing Guide

Growing Parthenocissus

Boston ivy, Virginia creeper

Parthenocissus are hardy, deciduous, tendril climbers from the forests of China and North America. They are closely related to Ampelopsis and Vitis. Some species are self-clinging from aerial roots as well as having leaf tendrils to twine around supports. Those which are self-clinging do best on walls and fences but make no mistake about how vigorous they are and how far up into the eaves of a house (or even in through a crack in a windowsill) that they can get. A fairly brutal annual trim to keep them at a reasonable height on a house wall is essential. Once the creepers get into a slate roof there really can be trouble.



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P. henryana, the Chinese Virginia creeper, has dark green leaves with three to five toothed leaflets which are about 5in long. The leaves have conspicuous white veining in their centres. This species can easily grow to 20-30ft and develops woody stems. The leaves turn bright red in autumn.



Parthenocissus henryana



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P. quinquefolia 'Engelmanii' is self-clinging, vigorous and has a scarlet autumn show.



Parthenocissus
quinquefolia 'Engelmanii'



Parthenocissus
quinquefolia 'Star
Showers'



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quinquefolia 'Star
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Parthenocissus
tricuspidata 'Green
Spring'



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Parthenocissus
tricuspidata 'Veitchii'

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