

## 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.



Parthenocissus



Parthenocissus



Parthenocissus



Parthenocissus



Parthenocissus



Parthenocissus

*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*



*Parthenocissus henryana*

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



*Parthenocissus quinquefolia* 'Engelmanii'



*Parthenocissus quinquefolia* 'Star Showers'



*Parthenocissus quinquefolia* 'Star Showers'



*Parthenocissus quinquefolia* 'Star Showers'



Parthenocissus  
tricuspidata 'Green  
Spring'



Parthenocissus  
tricuspidata 'Green  
Spring'



Parthenocissus  
tricuspidata 'Green  
Spring'



Parthenocissus  
tricuspidata 'Veitchii'

---

**Burncoose Nurseries: Gwennap, Redruth, Cornwall TR16 6BJ**

Telephone: +44 (0) 1209 860316 Fax: +44 (0) 1209 860011 Email: [info@burncoose.co.uk](mailto:info@burncoose.co.uk)

© Burncoose Nurseries 1997 - 2022