



## Sweet Autumn Clematis

*Clematis terniflora*

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

### Description:

Dainty, star-like creamy white flowers are sweetly scented and completely cover this vigorous vine late in the season, makes a fabulous screen; keep the roots cool for best results; can grow up to 20 feet; attractive silver seed heads

### Ornamental Features:

Sweet Autumn Clematis is smothered in stunning lightly-scented creamy white star-shaped flowers with yellow anthers at the ends of the stems from late summer to late fall. It has green foliage throughout the season. The compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

### Landscape Attributes:

Sweet Autumn Clematis is a multi-stemmed deciduous vine with a twining and trailing habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a high maintenance vine that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Sweet Autumn Clematis is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Clematis terniflora* flowers  
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*Clematis terniflora* in bloom  
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## **Plant Characteristics:**

Sweet Autumn Clematis will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. As a climbing vine, it tends to be leggy near the base and should be underplanted with low-growing facer plants. It should be planted near a fence, trellis or other landscape structure where it can be trained to grow upwards on it, or allowed to trail off a retaining wall or slope. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This vine does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture.

This species is not originally from North America.

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