GRASSES

BAMBOO

Believe it or not, Bamboo is actually a member of the grass family. This fast growing plant is well known for all the tall woody stems it produces. It can be an amazing landscape addition, creating quick screens and privacy as well as providing attractive evergreen to semievergreen foliage to enjoy. Bamboo has long been known as an aggressively spreading plant, and while that can still be the case with certain species, non-invasive, clumping-type bamboo selections are now becoming more readily available and are offered below. Once established, bamboo requires very little care and has very few problems that bother it. Of course, it is well known that panda bears love to eat bamboo, and they have been known to devastate small plantings, but that has not been proven to be a significant problem in this part of Kansas.

Mountain Bamboo

(Fargesia rufa) — Originating from the mountains of China, this is a cold hardy species with a clumping, non-invasive habit. An attractive plant with a mature size that fits a little bit easier into a lot of gardens. Grows best with some afternoon shade. HT. 6-8', CLUMPING

Yellow-Groove Bamboo

(Phyllostachys aureosulcata) — This is a vigorous running type bamboo, useful for screening. Dark green, semi-evergreen foliage and golden bamboo stems. Easy to grow, but give it space because it will spread! HT. 10-15'+, RUNNING

BLUESTEM

Blackhawks Big Bluestem

(Andropogon gerardii 'Blackhawks') — Foliage emerges green in the spring then develops red-bronze hues at the tips over the summer. Leaf color darkens in the fall to deep purple to almost black. Tough native prairie grass! HT. 4-5', SP. 2-3'

Blue Heaven Little Bluestem

(Schizachyrium scoparius 'Blue Heaven') — A selection introduced by the University of Minnesota with dark blue to burgundy summer foliage, changing to red to purple and violet in the fall. Taller, more upright selection. HT. 3-4', SP. 24-30"

Carousel Little Bluestem

(Schizachyrium scoparius 'Carousel') — A dwarf selection introduced through the Chicagoland Grows program. Rounded habit with superior resistance to lodging in the winter. Great fall color that includes copper, pink, tan and dark, orange-red. HT. 24-30", SP. 24-30"

NEW! Jazz Little Bluestem

(Schizachyrium scoparius 'Jazz') — This short sport of 'The Blues', shares the same blue foliage color but stays much smaller and has a good resistance to flopping. Great fall color! HT. 24-30", SP.12-18"

Red October Big Bluestem

(Andropogon gerardii 'Red October') — Green to blue-green foliage through the summer, occasionally with red highlights. Foliage changes to a stunning burgundyred to scarlet-red in the fall. Amazing! HT. 4-6', SP. 2-3'

NEW! Smoke Signal Little Bluestem

(Schizachyrium scoparius 'Smoke Signal') — Blue-green foliage blends into scarlet and deep red tones in late summer. It then ages to a deeper, red-purple into the fall. HT. 3-4', SP. 18-24"

Standing Ovation Little Bluestem

(Schizachyrium scoparius 'Standing Ovation') — Foliage is blue cast with reddish tips. Sturdy, upright stems. Brilliant fiery red to maroon fall color. HT. 2-4', SP. 18-24"

Twilight Zone Little Bluestem

(Schizachyrium scoparius 'Twilight Zone') — Iridescent silvery mauve-purple highlights starting in midsummer that turns purpler as fall arrives. Upright, narrow growth. HT. 3-4', SP. 18-24"

DROPSEED

Prairie Dropseed

(Sporobolus heterolepis) — A very tough native prairie grass. This is a slowgrowing, small species with rich emeraldgreen foliage throughout the summer changing to golden-yellow to orange in the fall. Sweetly fragrant flowers rise above the foliage late in the summer. HT. 2-3', SP. 2-3'

Tara Dropseed

(Sporobolus heterolepis 'Tara') — This is a slightly smaller and slightly more upright form of this native prairie grass. Tough! HT. 18-24", SP. 2-3'.

FESCUE

Elijah Blue Fescue

(Festuca ovina var. glauca 'Elijah Blue') — Low tufted grass with fine, silver-blue foliage. Needs well-drained soil and full sun. HT. 6-10", SP. 8-12"

FOREST GRASS

All Gold Japanese Forest Grass

(Hakonecholoa macra 'All Gold') — A bright, small grass selection that does great in the shade. Bright yellow foliage. Leaf coloration is best in light shade. HT. 12-18", SP. 18-24"

FOUNTAIN GRASS

Annual Purple Fountain Grass

(Pennisetum setaceum 'Rubrum') — Outstanding ornamental purple foliage and foxtail blooms. Makes a large, attractive clump in one season. Although this plant technically is a perennial, it is not winter hardy enough to make it though our winters, so treat as an annual. One of the best! A 2003 Pride of Kansas Selection. HT. 3-4'

Dwarf Fountain Grass

(Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Hameln') — Probably the best of the fountain grasses and definitely the most popular. Handy short habit makes it useful in a variety of



settings. Showy, bottlebrush-like flower spikes adorn the plant through the late summer and on into the winter. HT. 2-3', SP. 2-3'

Ginger Love Fountain Grass

(Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Ginger Love') — Dwarf form with big, showy, upright, reddish plumes appear in late summer and persist through winter. Interesting contrast! HT. 2-3', SP. 2-3'

Little Bunny Fountain Grass

(Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Little Bunny') — Smallest of the fountain grasses reaching only 10-12" tall. Makes a small mound of soft green topped with cute little "bunny tail" plumes. HT. 10-12", SP. 12-15"

GIANT REED GRASS

Giant Reed Grass

(Arundo donax) — A bold, giant grass with bamboo-like canes and long, drooping, gray-green leaves. Foot-long flowers in late season. HT. 10-14', SP. 4-8'

Variegated Giant Reed Grass

(Arundo donax 'Variegata') — A variegated form of this giant of a plant. Leaves and stems are striped creamy-white, creating an explosion of color in the garden. Spring growth is most vibrantly colored, fading through the summer to yellowgreen. Absolutely stunning! HT. 10-14', SP. 4-8'

GRAMA GRASS

Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass

(Bouteloua gracilis 'Bonde Ambition') — This is an attractive selection of one of our native prairie grasses. Unique flower spikes are attached at right angles to the stems and individual flowers resemble mosquito larvae, giving rise to another common name, "mosquito grass". Purplish fall color. HT. 2-3', SP. 2-3'

LIRIOPE

Big Blue Liriope

(Liriope muscari 'Big Blue') — Good groundcover plant for lightly shaded areas. Foliage is dark green and "grasslike". Showy, purple flower spikes emerge late in the summer. HT. 12-15", SP. 12-18"

Creeping Liriope

(Liriope spicata) — Dark green, grasslike leaves throughout the season. Produces grape hyacinth-like flowers in the summer. Spreading habit makes this a good groundcover. Very tolerant of tree root competition and shade. HT. 12", SP. Spreading

Silver Dragon Liriope

(Liriope spicata 'Silver Dragon') — An evergreen groundcover with green and white variegated, grass-like foliage. Spreads by underground stems. Produces pale lilac flowers in late summer. HT. 10-12", SP. 1-2'

Silvery Sunproof Liriope

(Liriope muscari 'Silvery Sunproof') — A wonderful, variegated selection that makes a great groundcover or edging plant. Leaves are a bright green with bright yellow to creamy-white stripes. Leaves will be whiter in sunnier locations and have more yellow in shadier locations. HT. 12-15", SP. 12-18"

Variegated Liriope

(Liriope muscari 'Variegata') — This is a popular selection with colorful, variegated foliage. Individual leaf blades are green with yellow to creamy-white margins. Makes a nice groundcover in mass plantings or can be used as a colorful border or edging plant. HT. 12-15", SP. 12-18"

PAMPAS GRASS

(Saccharum ravennae) — This is one of our most popular selections, and has been used in Kansas gardens for many years. Quickly develops into a very large plant topped with large showy plumes late in the summer. Gives great year round interest. HT. 8-12', SP. 4-6'

REED GRASS

Karl Foerster Reed Grass

(Calamagrastis arundinacea 'Karl Foerster') — Upright, narrow habit. Showy, narrow, spikey blooms start out pink in mid-summer, turn golden tan in fall. Looks great in mass plantings. PPA Perennial Plant of the Year 2001. HT. 4-5', SP. 2-3'

Korean Reed Grass

(Calamagrostis arundinacea brachytricha) — This is a handsome, short selection with a spectacular fall show. Attractive floral plumes emerge late in the season, topping the plant out with an eye-catching display of blonde and rosepurple. HT. 2-3', SP. 2-3'.

SEA OATS

Northern Sea Oats

(Chasmanthium latifolium) — An attractive small grass with bamboo-like foliage. Light green foliage is topped out with flattened, oat-like seed heads through the summer and into the winter. Wonderful landscape plant. HT. 2-3', SP. 12-18"

SEDGE

Blue Zinger Blue-gray Sedge

(Carex glauca 'Blue Zinger') — An attractive small plant with very thin, grassy blades of blue-gray foliage. Prefers moisture but will tolerate drier soils. Spreads slowly over time. HT. 12-18", SP. 12-18"

Cedar Sedge

(Carex eburnean) — Hair-like leaves. Plants spread slowly to form a finetextured groundcover under trees, shrubs, and other dry shaded locations. Semi-evergreen. HT. 2-4", SP. 8-12"

NEW! Fringed Sedge

(Carex crinite) — Likes moist to wet spots, water margins, or areas that flood periodically. Tolerates drier soil with medium moisture. Tolerant of shady conditions. Spreads by rhizomes to form large colonies. HT. 1-3', SP. 1-2'

NEW! Gray Sedge

(Carex grayi) — Greenish to yellow to brown seed heads that look like spiked clubs and are attractive in fresh and dried arrangements. Thrives near water. HT. 2-3', SP. 18-24"

Fox Red Curly Sedge

(Carex buchananii) — An unusual plant with a unique "ever-brown" appearance. Very narrow leaves remain cinnamonbrown throughout the year. Makes a unique specimen for the garden unlike anything else you will come across. Excellent for winter effect. HT. 18-24", SP. 2-3'

Palm Sedge

(Carex muskingumensis) — The glossy green leaves branch out from the main stem similar to a palm tree. Native to wooded lowlands, it does best in slightly damp soil in shade. Makes an excellent groundcover, and thrives in clay! Plant one foot on center as a groundcover or use individually as a foliage accent plant. HT. 2-3', SP. 2-3'



Pennsylvania Sedge

(Carex pensylvanica) — Easily grown in average, dry to medium, well-drained soils in part shade to full shade. Prefers loose loams in dry soils in sun-dappled part shade. Most sedges prefer moist to wet soils, but not this one. Plants spread by rhizomes. Plants may self-seed in optimum growing conditions. HT. 6-12", SP. 6-12"

Texas Sedge

(Carex texensis) — The shiny deep green foliage is 3-6" long and semi-evergreen. In late spring dainty green flower spikes are displayed above the leaves. Plants occur in part shade to partly sunny moist or dry sandy woods. This sedge has great landscape potential as a woodland groundcover and is a natural as a lawn alternative. HT. 6", SP. 12"

Variegated Japanese Sedge

(Carex morrowii 'Aurea Variegata') — A bright and showy selection with vivid golden-yellow and rich green variegated foliage. Does best in soils that don't get too dry. HT. 12-15", SP. 12-18"

SILVER GRASS

Adagio Silver Grass

(Miscanthus sinensis 'Adagio') — Slender, silvery foliage forms a compact, graceful clump. Silvery-white blooms are held well above the foliage in the fall. HT. 3-4', SP. 2-3'

Autumn Flame Grass

(Miscanthus 'Purpurascens') — Very upright, almost vertical habit. Green leaves take on a bright orange-red color in fall. Magenta-colored fans appear early, maturing to white. HT. 3-4', SP. 2-3'

Cabaret Silver Grass

(Miscanthus sinensis 'Cabaret') — Copper colored plumes appear in late summer. Wide ribbon-like leaves have creamywhite centers. HT. 4-6', SP. 4-6'

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Dwarf Maiden Grass

(Miscanthus sinensis 'Yaku Jima') — A compact version of Maiden Grass. Dark green, delicate blades form a graceful, vase-shaped clump. Early bloomer. HT. 3-4', SP. 3-5'

Little Zebra Grass

(Miscanthus sinensis 'Little Zebra') — Similar to Porcupine Grass but with a smaller growth habit. Green grass blades are banded with bright golden-yellow. Attractive pinkish-copper flower plumes late in the summer. HT. 3-4', SP. 3-4'

Maiden Grass

(Miscanthus sinensis 'Gracillimus') — A very popular form with narrow leaves and a graceful "fountain-like" habit. Showy plumes emerge late in the season to add to the display. Great for winter interest in the landscape. HT. 5-6', SP. 4-5'

Morning Light Silver Grass

(Miscanthus sinensis 'Morning Light') — Graceful, fine-textured, clumping grass with pastel green and white variegated foliage. Feathery plumes in fall. HT. 4-5', SP. 4-5'

Porcupine Grass

(Miscanthus sinensis 'Strictus') — A popular, wide-bladed variegated selection. Bright green leaves accented with yellow bands. Stands more erect than Zebra Grass. HT. 6-8', SP. 3-5'

Variegated Silver Grass

(Miscanthus sinensis var. variegatus) — An old-time garden favorite. Brightly colored, wide-bladed selection. Leaves are creamy-white, striped with green. Tolerant of light shade. HT. 4-6', SP. 4-6'

SWITCH GRASS

Cheyenne Sky Switch Grass

(Panicum virgatum (Prairie Winds TM)) — Upright, blue-green foliage that takes on deep wine-red highlights in early summer. Airy, burgundy red, cloud-like plumes top the foliage in late summer. Burgundy foliage in the fall. HT. 2-3', SP. 1-2'

Dallas Blues Switch Grass

(Panicum virgatum 'Dallas Blues') — Steel blue foliage topped with pastel-mauve flower heads in the fall. One of the best for blue color. Extremely hardy selection. HT. 6-8', SP. 3-4'

Hot Rod Switch Grass

(Panicum virgatum 'Hot Rod') — Bluegreen foliage takes on a deeper burgundy to maroon color through the summer. Compact form with a good vertical habit. Great color! HT. 3-4', SP. 2-3'

Northwind Switch Grass

(Panicum virgatum 'Northwind') — Sturdy, upright growth with steel blue stems and olive-green foliage. This is a tallergrowing selection that can reach 3' in height over the course of the growing season. Use in mass plantings for screening, privacy and background plantings. HT. 5-6', SP. 2-3'

Prairie Dog Switch Grass

(Panicum virgatum 'Prairie Dog') — A shorter, stouter form with impressive blue foliage. HT. 3-4', SP. 2-3'

Shenandoah Switch Grass

(Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah') — A tough selection of one of our native prairie grasses, this is one of the few redfoliaged grasses available that will survive our winters. Foliage is tipped with deep, blood-red highlights and seed heads share the same color late in the season. Wonderful reddish-purple fall color. HT. 3-5', SP. 2-3'

GROUNDCOVER

AJUGA

Bronze Ajuga

(Ajuga reptans cvs.) — A low, dense, fast growing perennial creeping plant. Excellent for covering ground in shady places. Will tolerate sun if well watered. Blue flowers in early summer. Foliage is a dark bronzy-purple.

EUONYMUS

Purpleleaf Wintercreeper

(Euonymus fortunei var. coloratus) — Very popular groundcover plant. Dark green foliage creates a dense cover through the growing season. Leaves then stay on the plant through the winter, changing to a plum-purple. HT. 12-18".

IVY

English Ivy

(Hedra helix) — A very hardy evergreen vine, great for use as a groundcover. Glossy, dark green foliage throughout the year. Requires shade. HT. 4-6'

LIRIOPE

Big Blue Liriope

(Liriope muscari 'Big Blue') — Broad, dark green strap-like leaves. Small, light lavender flowers are borne on 12-18" spikes in summer. Plant in full to partial shade. HT. 12"

Creeping Liriope

(Liriope spicata) — Dark green, grasslike leaves throughout the season. Produces grape hyacinth-like flowers in the summer. Spreading habit makes this a good groundcover. Very tolerant of tree root competition and shade. HT. 12"

Silver Dragon Liriope

(Liriope spicata 'Silver Dragon') — Dark green, grass-like leaves with a bright white variegation. Spreading habit.

Silvery Sunproof Liriope

(Liriope muscari 'Silvery Sunproof') — White variegated form that does well in full sun or shade. Lavender flowers stand above foliage. HT. 12"

Variegated Liriope

(Liriope muscari 'Variegata') — Same as the green Liriope but with yellow and green variegation. HT. 12"

PACHYSANDRA

Japanese Pachysandra

(Pachysandra terminalis 'Green Carpet') — Evergreen groundcover spreading by rhizomes. Excellent groundcover for shade. Prefers acid soil and abundant supply of organic matter. HT. 6-8"

VINCA

Vinca Minor

(Vinca minor) — Shiny, dark green foliage with blue flowers. Grows flat on the ground. Makes an excellent groundcover for shady areas. Evergreen and very hardy. HT. 6-8



Planting Groundcovers

Use this table to help estimate how many plants your site will need

INCHES TWEEN	BE- PLANTS	SQUARE FOOT AREA 100 PLANTS WILL COVER	NUMBER OF PLANTS PER SQUARE FOOT
4		11	9.0
6		25	4.0
8		44	2.25
10		70	1.45
12		100	1
15		156	1 per 1.56 sq.ft.
18		225	1 per 2.25 sq. ft.
24		400	1 per 4 sq. ft.

VINES

AKEBIA

Five-leaf Akebia

(Akebia quinata) — Beautiful, finelytextured foliage. Small purple blossoms are followed by large purple fruits in the fall. HT. TO 40'

BITTERSWEET

Autumn Revolution Bittersweet

(Celastrus scandens 'Bailumn') — Don't worry about male or female plants with this one. The majority of the flowers on each plant contain both male and female parts, creating reliable fruit production with only one plant. Fruits also tend to be larger than those of other selections. HT. 20-30'

CLEMATIS

(Clematis hybrids) — One of the showiest flowering vines available. Plant in full sun but keep their roots cool by heavy mulching or shading the ground with smaller plantings.

 'Abilene' ('Evipo027') — Delightful pink flowers with a yellow center. This shorter variety is perfect for smaller areas. Can also be grown in part shade! Prune to about 12-18" each spring.
 HT. 3-5', GROUP C

- 'Acropolis' ('Evipo078') Compact, very free-flowering form. Bright pink flowers. Blooms early summer through the fall. Prune to about 12-18" each spring. HT. 4-5', GROUP C
- 'Adam's Courage' A large-flowering form with magenta to dark pink flowers. Bloom early summer and again in the fall. Prune only lightly in the spring, removing growth down to the topmost pair of strong buds. HT. 5-6', GROUP B
- 'Charmaine' ('Evipo022') Rich red flowers are double, semi-double and single! Blooms in the spring, in midsummer and then again in the fall. Prune hard the first two springs. In subsequent years, cut shoots back to strong pair of buds early in the spring. HT. 6-8', GROUP B
- 'Diamantina' ('Evipo039') A heavy blooming, double, blue-purple form. Repeat flowers through the season.
 HT. 6-10', GROUP B
- 'Duchess of Edinburgh' An old classic clematis selected for its fully double, white, fragrant flowers that reach up to 5" in diameter. Remove all dead and weak stems early in the spring and shorten the remaining stems down to the highest pair of strong buds. HT, 6-8", GROUP B
- 'Guiding Promise' ('Evipo053') A

short-growing selection with mauvepurple flowers. Prune hard each spring, down to about 6." HT. 3-4', GROUP C

- 'Henryi' This extremely popular variety has been a garden favorite for well over a century. Extremely large, 6-8" diameter flowers are pure white with a chocolate center. Makes a great cut flower. HT. 8-10', GROUP B
- **'Jackmani'** A classic! Blooms heavily in June and continues blooming lightly all summer. Deep purple. HT. 8-12', GROUP C
- 'Jackmani Superba' Large, deep rich purple flowers about 5" across that are produced in large numbers from midsummer to fall. HT. 8-10', GROUP C
- NEW! 'Kitty' ('Evipo097') Compact grower with near white flowers. Good for containers. Prune to about 12-18" from the ground each spring. HT. 2-3'. GROUP C
- NEW! 'Lindsay' ('EviGsy') Very large blue-purple flowers. Works great on small trellises. Prune to about 12-18" from the ground each spring. HT. 6-8'. GROUP C
- 'Nubia' ('Evipo059') Blooms prolifically with exceptionally red flowers. Compact, reblooming clematis is excellent for large planters or as an entryway accent. An improvement over



GROUP A

This group is made up of earlyflowering selections that produce flowers from buds produced the previous season (or sometimes called old wood). Dead or weak stems can be removed immediately after flowering, as well as any growth that has spread beyond its designated space. New growth produced after this pruning will ripen as the season progresses and bear flowers the next year.

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'Rebecca'. Prune back to 12-18" in the spring. HT. 4-6', GROUP C

- 'Olympia' ('Boulevard Evipo099') Blue flowers with a yellow center. Produces blooms off old and new wood. Compact habit makes it suitable for containers. Prune to about 6" early in the spring. HT. 3-5', GROUP C
- 'Parisienne' ('Evipo019') A smaller, more compact selection with large, star-shaped, soft violet-blue flowers.
 Remove dead or damaged stems in the spring and shorten remaining shoots to the topmost pair of heavy buds. HT. 5-6', GROUP B
- NEW! 'Poseidon' ('Evipo113')— Multicolored petals, darker pink in the middle and lighter pink on the edges. Heavy bloomer. Prune to about 12-18" from the ground each spring. HT. 3-4'. GROUP B or C
- 'Princess Diana' (C. texanensis) A semi-herbaceous selection with beautiful luminous pink, tulip-like flowers. Looks neat rambling through low shrubs or perennials where flowers can be viewed from above. HT 6-8', GROUP C
- NEW! 'Princess Kate' (texensis) Large upward-facing tulip-shaped flowers, white on the inside and purplered on the outside. Prune to about 12-18" from the ground each spring. HT. 6-8'. GROUP C
- **'Rebecca'** ('Eviop016') Large, bright red to scarlet-red flower with a creamyyellow center. A very heavy blooming selection. HT. 6-8', GROUP B
- **'Rouge Cardinal'** A heavy blooming selection with rich, velvety-crimson

THREE CLEMATIS EVERY GARDENER SHOULD TRY

- **1. 'Jackmani'** Large velvet-purple flowers make this a garden favorite.
- 2. 'Princess Diana' Bright pink, tulip-like flowers. A beautiful plant named for a beautiful person.
- 3. 'Sweet Summer Love' Abundant sweet fragrant, cranberry-purple flowers.

flowers from midsummer to early autumn. Prune to about 12-18" each spring. HT. 8-10', GROUP C

- 'Sally' ('Evipo077') Light pink flowers with a deep dark pink bar down the center of each petal. Great repeat blooming clematis, flowering from summer-fall. Prune to about 12-18" each spring. HT. 4-5'
- 'Sapphire Indigo' ('Cleminov51') Long lasting dark purple blooms on a short growing vine. Reblooms through the season. Good for use as a small climber or mixed with other perennials and roses. No need to prune. HT. 3-4'
- 'Sarah Elizabeth' (Boulevard Evipo098') — Pink flowers with a reddish center. Heavy bloomer. Prune to about 6" each spring. HT. 4-5', GROUP C
- **'Sweet Autumn'** (C. terniflora) An extremely vigorous, very hardy selection with a phenomenal display

of sweetly fragrant, small white flowers late in the summer and into the fall. This plant looks like a white, fragrant cloud when in bloom! HT. 10-20', GROUP C

- **'Sweet Summer Love'** Produces an abundance of sweetly fragrant, cranberry-purple flowers. Flowers are small, but what they lack in size is made up in quantity, creating a beautiful display. HT. 8-12', GROUP C
- NEW! 'The Duchess of Cornwall' ('Evipo118') — Blue to violet-blue flowers with a yellow center. Prune to about 12-18" from the ground each spring. HT. 4-5'. GROUP C

HONEYSUCKLE

Goldflame Honeysuckle

(Lonicera x heckrottii) — Large flamecoral trumpets, lined with gold. Hardy and everblooming. Best used on a trellis. HT. 10-20'

Hall's Honeysuckle

(Lonicera japonica 'Halliana') — Flowers are pure white changing to yellow. Very fragrant. Vigorous grower with semievergreen foliage. Use on trellis or mass plant to make an vigorous ground cover. HT. 10-20'

HYDRANGEA

Climbing Hydrangea

(Hydrangea anomala petiolaris) — Absolutely one of the best! A fantastic, self-clinging vine with a heavy display of large, 6-10" diameter, white, sweetly fragrant flowers late in the spring.

GROUP B

This group is made up of selections that bloom off old wood in the spring, many of which will rebloom later on current season's shoots (often referred to as new wood). All dead or weak stems should be removed late in the winter or early in the spring prior to bud break. If desired, remaining stems can be pruned down to the highest pair of strong buds, although this is not entirely necessary. A few can tolerate severe spring pruning if size control is an issue.

GROUP C

This group is made up of selections that produce their flowers on current season's growth. These plants will produce a much more impressive display of flowers if all shoots are pruned back to about 1-21/2 feet from the soil line early in the spring before new growth emerges.

NEWLY PLANTED CLEMATIS

Regardless of flowering habits, all newly planted clematis should be pruned hard, down to about 12-18" from the ground, the first spring after planting. This is done to help encourage a sturdier, more heavily branched base, making the vine more durable.



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Magnificent! Strong grower, but it does take a few years to get well established so be patient. HT. 10-30'

IVY

Boston Ivy

(Parthenocissus tricuspidata 'Veitchii') — It will cling to brick, stucco, stone, and rough wood without support. The foliage turns brilliant shades of scarlet and orange in the fall. HT. 20-50'

TRUMPET VINE

Balboa Sunset Trumpet Vine

(Campsis radicans 'Monbal') — A great introduction with spectacular, scarlet-red,

trumpet shaped flowers reaching up to 4" in length! An extremely tough vine that hummingbirds just love. HT. 10-40'

Common Trumpet Vine

(Campsis radicans) — As one well known horticulturist has said, "If you cannot grow this, give up gardening!" This is a very easy to grow vine that will cling to anything it can get itself onto. Bright orange and scarlet, trumpet-shaped flowers are a favorite of hummingbirds from mid-summer through fall. HT. 10-40'

WISTERIA

Kentucky Wisteria

(Wisteria macrostachys) - An impressive

vine with 8-12" pendulous flower clusters. Can be grown on a large structure or staked and trained into a tree form. Probably the hardiest of the wisterias. HT. 15-25'

- 'Blue Moon' An outstanding selection introduced from Minnesota, so you know it is hardy. Sweetly fragrant, blue to lavender flowers hang down off of the vine in an impressive display several times a season. In fact, it is reported to bloom three times a year! HT. 15-25'
- 'Summer Cascade' ('Betty Matthews')

 A very cold hardy selection with
 an impressive display of deep blue lavender flowers late in the spring on
 the new growth of the season. HT. 15-25'

