

Boston-ivy

Parthenocissus tricuspidata (Family: *Vitaceae*)

Description: Boston-ivy is a vigorous, deciduous vine that is used to cover brick walls or other hard surfaces. It is a self-supporting tendril climber also known for its brilliant red fall color.

Hardiness: USDA hardiness zones 4 to 8.

Natural Habitat: Native to China and Japan.

Mature Size: Height: 30-50', Spread: 5-10'

Form (Shape): Climbing and spreading.

Growth Rate: Fast.

Foliage: Dark green, glossy three-lobed leaves. Foliage turns a brilliant red in the fall.

Texture: Medium.

Flowers: Greenish white flowers that emerge in late spring to early summer.

Fruit: Blue-black berries up to 1/3" in diameter, usually hidden by foliage.

Light: Full sun to partial shade.

Soil: Grows in a variety of soils, but prefers average, medium-moisture, well-drained soil.

Propagation: Propagate via stem cuttings, division, or layering.

Failure Patterns: Failure is generally uncommon.

Disease and Insects: No serious insect or disease problems.

Landscape Use: Commonly used to cover brick walls and other hard surfaces. Once vine becomes attached to surface, it becomes difficult to remove. Vine may invasively spread to nearby areas.

Availability: Widely available in nursery trade.