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*Trachelospermum jasminoides*¹

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Introduction

Although slow to get started, confederate jasmine is well worth the wait (Fig. 1). Eventually rather vigorous, this twining woody vine has small, shiny, dark green leaves which provide a very dense screen or cover. The intensely fragrant, pinwheel-shaped, pure white, one-inch blossoms, abundantly produced in April and May, extend well beyond the leaves. Confederate jasmine is ideal for training across the top of a doorway or on a trellis next to a porch where its fragrance can be easily appreciated. It can also be used to cover light posts, fences, or tree trunks.

General Information

Scientific name: *Trachelospermum jasminoides*

Pronunciation: tray-kell-loe-SPER-mum jaz-min-NOY-deez

Common name(s): Confederate Jasmine, Star Jasmine

Family: *Apocynaceae*

Plant type: vine

USDA hardiness zones: 7B through 10 (Fig. 2)

Planting month for zone 7: year round

Planting month for zone 8: year round

Planting month for zone 9: year round

Planting month for zone 10: year round

Origin: not native to North America

Uses: cascading down a wall

Availability: generally available in many areas within its hardiness range

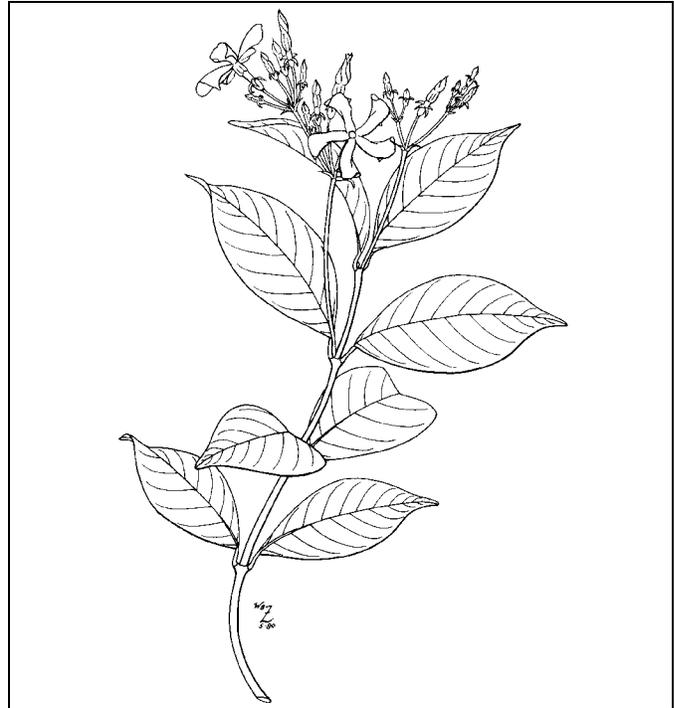


Figure 1. Confederate Jasmine.

Description

Height: depends upon supporting structure

Spread: depends upon supporting structure

Plant habit: spreading

Plant density: dense

Growth rate: fast

Texture: fine

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Figure 2. Shaded area represents potential planting range.

Foliage

- Leaf arrangement:** opposite/subopposite
- Leaf type:** simple
- Leaf margin:** entire
- Leaf shape:** elliptic (oval)
- Leaf venation:** pinnate
- Leaf type and persistence:** evergreen
- Leaf blade length:** less than 2 inches
- Leaf color:** green
- Fall color:** no fall color change
- Fall characteristic:** not showy

Flower

- Flower color:** white
- Flower characteristic:** showy; pleasant fragrance

Fruit

- Fruit shape:** pod or pod-like
- Fruit length:** 1 to 3 inches
- Fruit cover:** dry or hard
- Fruit color:** unknown
- Fruit characteristic:** inconspicuous and not showy

Trunk and Branches

- Trunk/bark/branches:** not applicable
- Current year stem/twig color:** green
- Current year stem/twig thickness:** thin

Culture

- Light requirement:** plant grows in part shade/part sun
- Soil tolerances:** alkaline; clay; sand; acidic; loam
- Drought tolerance:** moderate
- Soil salt tolerances:** unknown
- Plant spacing:** 36 to 60 inches

Other

- Roots:** not applicable
- Winter interest:** no special winter interest
- Outstanding plant:** not particularly outstanding
- Invasive potential:** aggressive, spreading plant
- Pest resistance:** no serious pests are normally seen on the plant

Use and Management

Flowering best in full sun, confederate jasmine will grow well in partial shade, thriving on a variety of soils. No special care is required of well-established plants, except trimming to keep it in bounds.

The cultivar 'Japonicum' has white-veined leaves which turn bronze in fall; 'Variegatum' has green and white variegated leaves, often tinged red and is hardier.

Propagation is by cuttings or layering.

Scales can be a problem, followed by sooty mold. Otherwise, confederate jasmine is very easily grown.

Pests and Diseases

No diseases are of major concern.