

Grape Ivy - Plant



Grape ivy, also known as oakleaf ivy, is the most widely grown species of Cissus. It has shiny, deep green leaves. The plant develops curling tendrils that cling to a stake or trellis.

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Description

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Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Cissus alata, Grape Ivy - Plant	Yellowish green,	Seasonal bloomer	-	Easy to grow

Planting and care

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Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Part shade	Well-drained soil	Medium	68-82 F.	Apply any organic fertilizer

Caring for Grape Ivy

- As mentioned above, when caring for grape ivy, a low light exposure is most advantageous, although grape ivy can tolerate bright to

moderate light if kept sufficiently moist.

- Allow soil of grape ivy to dry slightly between waterings, taking care not to over irrigate.
- Soil considerations when growing grape ivy is important as the root systems require excellent aeration.
- A potting mixture of peat combined with particles such as bark, perlite, Styrofoam and calcined clay, is the best medium in how to care for grape ivy houseplants.

Typical uses of Grape Ivy

Special features: Hanging baskets, containers or as a vine on a room-dividing trellis.

Ornamental use: The plant is used for ornamental purpose.

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