

Clematis Texensis



Scarlet Clematis, Scarlet Leatherflower, Texas Clematis

[Ranunculaceae](#) (Buttercup Family)

Duration: Perennial

Habit: Vine

Leaf Retention: Deciduous

Size Notes: 6-9 feet.

Bloom Color: Red

Bloom Time: Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul

Native Distribution: Endemic to Edwards Plateau, TX

Native Habitat: Texas endemic. Edwards Plateau. Well-drained limestone, loam, sand. Limestone cliffs; rocky slopes; streamsides

Water Use: Low

Light Requirement: Part Shade

Soil Moisture: Moist

Cold Tolerant: yes

Heat Tolerant: yes

Conditions Comments: With a delicate vine form, rounded spade-shaped

leaves and red, urn-shaped flowers, this plant provides a subtle, beautiful accent to a shady, moist area. It blooms best with half a day of sun, and blooms may continue until the first frost. This is a very hardy and drought tolerant clematis.



Photographer: Lee Page, Austin, TX

Location Notes: **Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center South Texas Mission Garden.**

Nectar Source: yes

Deer Resistant: Moderate

Propagation Material: Softwood Cuttings

Description: Plant seed outdoors in the fall or store and stratify before planting. Single, internodal, softwood cuttings taken in summer can be rooted, although this species does not root readily. Clematis are also propagated by late summer layerings.

Seed Collection: Gather seeds when they are no longer green but before the cluster of achenes completely dries and drops the seeds to the ground. Remain viable up to two years without refrigeration.

Seed Treatment: Moist stratify at 41 degrees for 60-90 days.

Maintenance: After freezing weather cut stems back to ground as this clematis blooms on new wood.