

Clematis: Queen of Climbers

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Clematis in order of appearance in this presentation (incl. Pruning Group)

1. C. 'Huldine' & 'Madame Julia Correvon' (C)
2. C. CRYSTAL FOUNTAIN 'Fairy Blue' (B)
3. C. 'Comtesse de Bouchaud' (C)
4. C. 'Purpurea Plena Elegans' (C)
5. C. 'Ernest Markham' (C)
6. C. 'Beauty of Worcester' (B)
7. C. 'Etoile Violette' (C)
8. C. 'Guernsey Cream' (B)
9. C. 'Will Baron' (B)
10. C. *terniflora* (sweet autumn clematis) (C)
11. C. 'Asao' (B)
12. C. 'Justa' (C)
13. C. REBECCA 'Evipo016' (B)
14. C. 'Utopia' (C)
15. C. 'Romantika' (C)
16. C. *otophora* (C)
17. C. 'Toki' (B)
18. C. JOSEPHINE 'Evijohill' (B)
19. C. 'Princess Diana' (C)
20. C. *texensis* (C)
21. C. *montana* (A)
22. C. 'Betty Corning' (C)
23. C. *viorna* (C) (2 photos)
24. C. 'Betty Corning' (C)
25. C. 'Ramona' (B)
26. C. 'Fond Memories' (C)
27. C. 'Gipsy Queen' (C)
28. C. 'Proteus' (B)
29. C. PRINCESS KATE 'ZOPRIKA' (C)
30. C. 'Multi Blue' (B)
31. C. *cirrrosa* var *purpurascens* 'Freckles' (A)
32. C. *napaulensis* (A)
33. C. *armandii* (A)
34. C. *armandii* 'Red Heart' (A)
35. C. *montana* 'Vera' (A)
36. C. *montana alba* (A)
37. C. *alpina* 'Cecile' (A)
38. C. *alpina* 'Jacqueline du Pre' (A)
39. C. *macropetala* 'Pauline' (A)
40. C. 'Will Baron' (B)
41. C. 'Fair Rosamond' (B)
42. C. 'Etoile de Malcorne' (B)
43. C. 'Fujimusume' (B)
44. C. 'Nelly Moser' (B)
45. C. 'Chalcedony' (B)
46. C. 'Tartu' (B)
47. C. 'Morning Mist' (B)
48. C. 'Bijou' (B)
49. C. 'Venosa Violacea' (C)
50. C. 'Juuli' (C)
51. C. 'Negrityanka' (C)
52. C. VERSAILLES 'Evipo025' (B/C)
53. C. 'Ekstra' (C)
54. C. 'Jackmanii' (C)
55. C. 'Golden Tiara' (C)
56. C. 'Comtesse de Bouchard' (C)
57. C. *florida* 'Alba Plena' (C)
58. C. *florida* 'Sieboldii' (C)
59. C. 'Kermisina' (C)
60. C. 'Betty Corning' (C)
61. C. 'Ville de Lyon' (C)
62. C. 'Etoile Violette' (C)

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Planting Clematis

Best to plant in fall or spring
Pick out a healthy-looking clematis in the biggest pot available and with as many stems as possible
Choose spot wisely
Need regular moisture
Whites, reds, dark purples & blues tend to like full sun. Others (pastel shades)—some shade.
Include something to climb on (unless a non-climbing clematis like the C. ‘Juuli’ or integrifolias)
Dig as wide and deep a hole as possible
Check for good drainage
If possible, add two inches manure to bottom of hole and cover with two inches of soil
Place clematis in hole with crown even with or just below the soil line
Fill hole with a rich well-draining soil mix
Tamp down and water again
Cut back to 12 inches (just DO it—trust me)

Growing and Training

Clematis are NOT drought tolerant, so water regularly, especially the first two years
They like a moist cool root-run.
Add annual layer of compost and/or manure, with a little alfalfa meal and bone meal. Or, use commercial fertilizers (tomato or rose fertilizers).

Clematis Websites

Clematis on the Web, with photos and info on thousands of clematis

<http://www.clematisontheweb.org>

Laura’s Blog about growing clematis in Seattle

<http://www.clematisinseattle.com>

Rogerson Clematis Garden in Lake Oswego, a suburb of Portland, Oregon

<http://www.rogeronclematiscollection.org>

International Clematis Society

<http://www.clematisinternational.com>

Growing and Training (continued)

Use a natural or man-made support with *skinny* bits no bigger than your baby finger—rope, string, chicken wire, twigs on shrubs or trees
Twiddle new growth onto climbing support
Pinching may increase flowering
Remove faded petals if you wish or even deadhead—unless great seed heads)
Three years to kick in, so be patient

Pruning Guidelines

Pruning rarely kills a clematis.

Pruning Group A or 1: Early small-flowered species that bloom on OLD GROWTH before June—no pruning until they get too big and unwieldy.

Then prune right after bloom. If unconcerned about next year’s bloom, prune any time.

Pruning Group B or 2: Early large-flowered bloomers blooming on OLD GROWTH (May - June)—light pruning (prune each vine from the OUTSIDE back to first healthy bud)

Pruning Group C or 3: Everything else (late June - September), blooming on NEW GROWTH—hard pruning between late fall and early spring.

Note: if you live in Zone 6 or colder, wait til spring to prune hard.

Great Sources for Clematis

Good local nurseries, plus the following mail-order nurseries specializing in clematis:

Brushwood Nursery, Georgia

<http://www.gardenvines.com>

(Gallon-sized two-year-old plants.

Plant directly in ground or into larger pot.)

Donahue’s Greenhouse, Minnesota

<https://donahuesclematis.com>

(One-year-old plants in 4” pots. Pot up into a gallon pot and wait six months to a year before planting.)

Clematis Tolerating Some Shade

Pruning Group A (April or so)

alpina ‘Blue Dancer’
alpina ‘Cecile’ (blue)
alpina ‘Frankie’ (violet blue)
alpina ‘Jacqueline du Pre (pink)
alpina ‘Markham’s Pink
alpina ‘Stolwijk Gold’ (purple)
alpina ‘Willy’ (pale pink)

Pruning Group B (May/June)

‘Andromeda’ (pink/white)
‘Asao’ (pink)
‘Fujimusume’ (blue)
‘Guernsey Cream’
‘Ivan Olsson’(clam-broth white)
‘Josephine’ (pink/white)
‘Nelly Moser’ (pink/white)

Pruning Group C (July/Sept)

‘Arabella’ (periwinkle)
‘Blue Angel’ (pale blue)
‘Caroline’ (pink)
‘Chantilly’ (pinkish white)
‘Fond Memories’ (white w/ purple)
‘Hagley Hybrid’ (pink)
‘Still Waters’ (pale mauve)

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