

International Clematis Society



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This list is intended for people with little or no experience of growing clematis. The clematis cultivars listed have been selected because under normal garden conditions they are reliable, easy to grow and do not suffer from common clematis diseases, including wilt.

The names of the clematis in this list conform to the RHS Clematis Register and Checklist 2002. However you may see them for sale with slightly different labels. Some of these are shown below, within [...]. If in doubt, please ask an assistant.

For further information, please consult the Society's web site at: www.clematisinternational.com

Early Small-flowered Clematis – prune after flowering as needed

Alpinas & Macropetalas

(Most plants in this group, including cultivars not listed below, are quite easy to grow provided the conditions are right. They do not like hot or wet places and prefer half shade. Some of the best are listed below.)

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- C. alpina* 'Pamela Jackman'
 - C.* 'Constance'
 - C.* 'Frankie'
 - C. macropetala* 'Maidwell Hall'
 - C.* 'Markham's Pink'
 - C.* 'White Swan'

Montanas (Unsuitable for harsh climates or colder situations, especially if the winter temperature goes below -15°C. If in doubt, seek local advice.)

- C.* 'Broughton Star'
- C.* 'Mayleen'
- C. montana* var. *grandiflora*
[*montana* 'Grandiflora']

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C. 'Fujimusume'
 C. 'General Sikorski'
 C. 'Guernsey Cream'
 C. 'Kakio' PINK CHAMPAGNE™
 C. 'Mrs George Jackman'
 C. 'Niobe'

C. 'Piilu'
 C. 'The President'
 C. 'Warszawska Nike'
 ['Warsaw Nike']
 C. 'Westerplatte'

Viticellas and Late Large-flowering Clematis – hard prune in early spring. (These clematis are very easy to grow.)

Viticellas (With at least one parent from the species *C. viticella*. Small flowered, but with many blooms.)

C. 'Abundance'
 C. 'Alba Luxurians'
 C. 'Betty Corning'
 C. 'Emilia Plater'
 C. 'Étoile Violette'
 C. 'Kermesina' or C. 'Rubra', they are virtually identical
 C. 'Madame Julia Correvon'
 C. 'Minuet'
 C. 'Venosa Violacea'
 C. 'Walenburg'

Late Large-flowering Clematis

C. 'Błękitny Anioł'
 [*C. viticella* 'Blue Angel']
 C. 'Comtesse de Bouchaud'
 C. 'Gipsy Queen'
 C. 'Hagley Hybrid'
 C. 'Huldine'
 [*C. viticella* 'Huldine']
 C. 'Jackmanii'
 C. 'John Huxtable'
 C. 'Kardynał Wyszyński'
 C. 'Polish Spirit'
 [*C. viticella* 'Polish Spirit']
 C. 'Prince Charles'
 [*C. viticella* 'Prince Charles']
 C. 'Ramona'
 C. 'Victoria'

Other Late Small-flowering Clematis – hard prune in early spring

Integrifolias including

Diversifolias (Non-climbing plants which scramble through other plants such as shrubs. The plants listed below may grow to 2-3 meters. Integrifolias are shorter growing and most named cultivars of these groups are easy to grow.)

- C.* ‘Alionushka’
- C.* ‘Arabella’
- C.* × *diversifolia* ‘Hendersonii’
[× *erigestemon* ‘Hendersonii’]
- C.* × *durandii* [‘Durandii’]

Texensis (Need full sun and a lot of love!)

- C.* ‘Duchess of Albany’
- C.* ‘Princess Diana’

Tanguticas (Do not like a severe climate or bad winters. Note: these plants are easy to grow from seed so may not be as labelled. Best advice is to buy from a reputable nursery.)

- C.* ‘Aureolin’
- C.* ‘Bill MacKenzie’
- C.* ‘Helios’
- C.* ‘Kugotia’ GOLDEN TIARA™
- C.* ‘Lambton Park’

Others (consult labels for size, habit and pruning advice)

- C.* *mandschurica*
 - C.* ‘Paul Farges’ SUMMER SNOW™
 - C.* ‘Praecox’ [‘Jouiniana Praecox’]
 - C.* × *triternata* ‘Rubromarginata’
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Notes:

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