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### PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

#### Size

8 - 12' high, 3 - 6' wide

#### Sun/Shade

Full sun to part shade

#### Water

Medium to Wet

#### Maintenance

Low

#### Life Span

Perennial, Zone 4-8



#### Description

*Clematis* is the genus of more than 300 species and over 1000 cultivars producing a great variety of colors. The blooming seasons and pruning needs vary (February/March to first frost) as well as size which can range from small plants that grow 2 – 5 feet high to larger plants reaching up to 30+ feet. The stems and foliage require full sun but the roots require shade from ground cover or mulch. The roots also need to be kept moist all season. The flowers also come in 3 forms: loose clusters, bell shaped and flat. Clematis is a spectacular decorative flowering vine that needs support from trellises, fences or walls but can also act as a creeping vine over shrubs and dead trunks. Clematis is a strong grower, especially at the third year once the root system has become established when they are mostly trouble free. Clematis attract butterflies and hummingbirds but are prone to fungal stem rot and leaf spot causing sudden plant collapse in a matter of days but most plants will return the following year.

Source: [Clemson Cooperative Extension](#), [Missouri Botanical Garden](#)



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