

Sweet autumn clematis

Clematis terniflora

Description

Introduced to the United States in the 1800s as an ornamental.

Habit

Perennial, semi-woody, climbing vine that can reach up to 30 ft. long.

Leaves

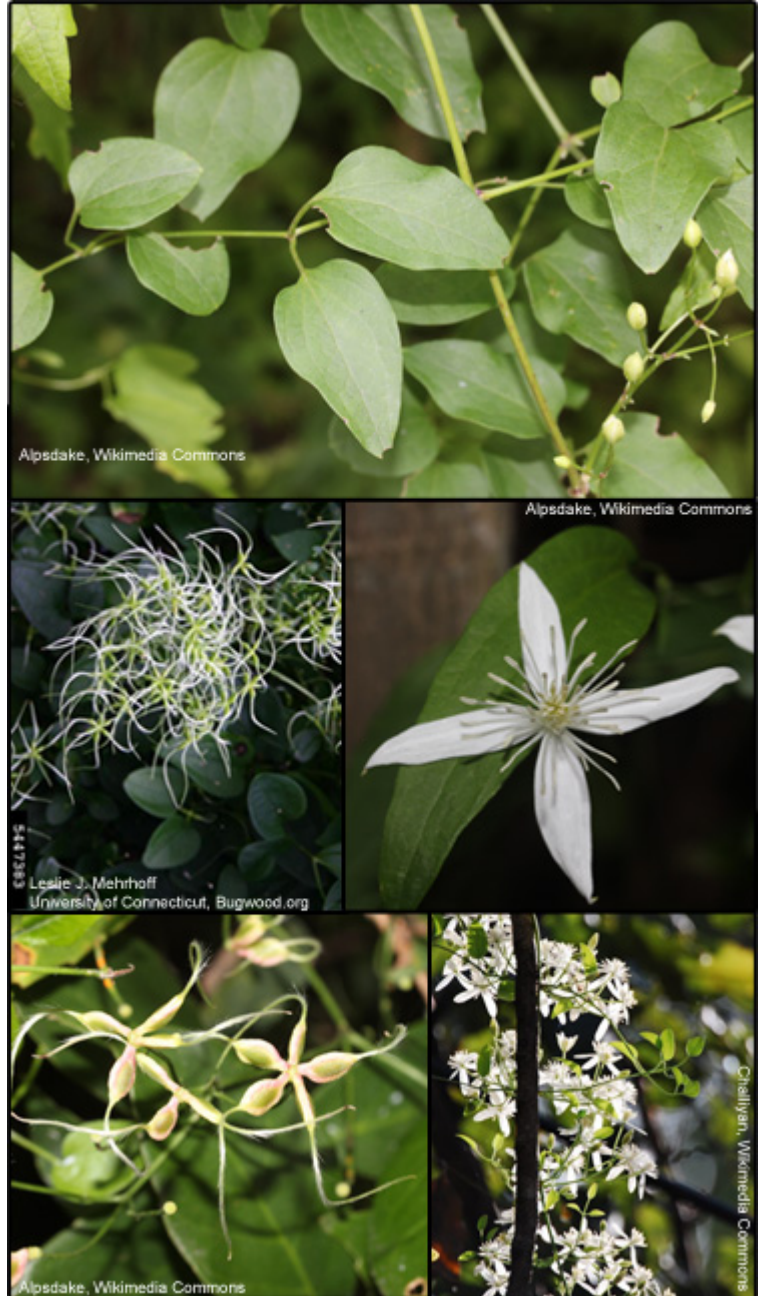
Opposite, compound, occur at intervals along stem; odd-pinnate with 3-5 leaflets; leaflets have entire margins, are 2-3 in. long, 1.5 in. wide and ovate or ovate-cordate in shape and glabrous.

Stems

Green in color, glabrous, terete when young. Older stems are brownish green in color.

Flowers

White in color, fragrant, star-shaped,



four-petaled; blooms in late summer through the fall.

Fruits and Seeds

Showy, with long, silver-gray, feather-like hairs attached.

Habitat

Native to Japan. Can be found in forest edges, right-of-ways, and streambanks.

Reproduction

By seed. Capable of producing prolific seed counts.

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