

Clematis

Clematis spp.

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

4–9

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun

BLOOM

Summer

HEIGHT

6–20 ft

DEER

Resistant

POLLINATORS

Yes

AT A GLANCE

The single most important thing to know about clematis is which pruning group your plant belongs to. Group 1 plants bloom on old wood -- prune them and you lose that year's flowers. Group 3 plants bloom on new wood -- skip pruning and you get a tangled, bare-stemmed plant flowering well above eye level. Group 2 is in between. Identify your group first. Everything else follows.

PLANTING CHECKLIST

- Match site to sun requirements above before buying
- Test soil drainage — dig a 12" hole, fill with water, time it (should drain in 1–2 hrs)
- Dig hole 2x wider than rootball, same depth
- Backfill with native soil — do NOT amend the planting hole
- Water deeply at planting and weekly for first 3 weeks
- Mulch 2" deep, keep mulch 2" away from trunk/stems

FULL GUIDE WITH SOURCES

<https://outdoorplantcare.com/plants/clematis-care/>