Longfellow's Greenhouses

Asao Clematis

Clematis 'Asao'



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Height: 10 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Group/Class: Early large-flowered

Description:

Spectacular huge and early lilac-pink flowers with white central bars; flowers produced on a vigorous vine, a great plant for the novice and expert gardener alike

Ornamental Features

Asao Clematis features showy lilac purple star-shaped flowers with white streaks at the ends of the branches in mid spring. It has green deciduous foliage. The compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.



Asao Clematis flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Asao Clematis is a multi-stemmed deciduous woody vine with a twining and trailing habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance woody vine. It is a Type 2 clematis, which means it will bloom primarily on old wood of the previous season, with a second flush later in summer. Dead and weak vines should be removed in late winter, and remaining vines should be trimmed back to the first buds that are seen to remove dead stems. It is a good choice for attracting bees and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Asao Clematis is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Asao Clematis will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. As a climbing vine, it tends to be leggy near the base and should be underplanted with low-growing facer plants. It should be planted near a fence, trellis or other landscape structure where it can be trained to grow upwards on it, or allowed to trail off a retaining wall or slope. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This woody vine does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.