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# Clematis virginiana

## Virgin's Bower



This fast-growing vine can provide dramatic visual impact quickly. Climbing an arbor or draped over a fence, it creates a visual cascade. The cream colored flowers are small but abundant. Seed clusters are feathery silvery-gray plumes that hang on through November, providing strong textural effects for the fall garden. Drought and heat resistant.

**Suggested Companions:** silky dogwood (*Cornus amomum*), ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*), silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*)

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Plant Type: Vine

Size: 12-15' H  
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Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:

Woodland Margin  
Riverbanks  
Swamp borders

Soil: Sandy/ Gravelly  
Average Garden Soil  
Rich Moist  
Clay

Exposure: sun  
filtered

Flower Color:

White

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:

July  
August  
September

Other Attributes:

Fragrant  
Winter interest