

AMERICAN WISTERIA

Wisteria frutescens.

This is a vigorous, twining, woody vine capable of growing to forty or fifty feet tall. Pendant spikes of unscented, lavender flowers appear with the new foliage. The flower spikes are smaller than those of the Chinese wisteria. In nature, it occurs in moist, lowland forests. It is not particularly drought tolerant. Like most vines, it grows best in the sun. It is recommended for zones 6 to 9.

This plant is increasingly available in local nurseries, especially in those specializing in native plants. It is propagated by seeds, hardwood cuttings and layering. The first new leaves appear from late March to early April. It flowers from mid-April into July.

