

Akebia - Garden Taxa Key (Laurence Hatch 2002)

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Species concepts follow the Flora of China (Harvard University)

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1. Leaflets mostly 3 (occasionally 5).....2
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2. Leaf margins sinuate to dentate (toothed), male sepals 2-3mm.....*Akebia trifoliata* (semi-common)
2. Leaf margins subentire (rarely toothed), male sepals 1-2mm.....*Akebia chingshuiensis* (very rare)
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10. Racemes 6-12cm long of 4-11 flowers, leaves glaucous blue-green below.....11
10. Racemes 12-18cm long of 23-43 flowers, leaves light green below.....*Akebia longeracemosa* (rare)
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11. Flowers cream to white.....*Akebia quintana* 'Shirobana', 'White Chocolate', or another clone
11. Flowers pink or reddish-pink, sometimes bicolored.....12
11. Flowers purplish to reddish-purple, often dark purple.....14
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12. Flowers of two colors, distinctly pink and red.....*Akebia quintata* 'Amethyst Glow', 'Bicolor' or similar clone
12. Flowers mainly of one shade of pink.....*Akebia quintata* 'Rosea' and other pink clones
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14. Leaves mostly green, not variegated, sometimes silver sheen.....*Akebia quinata* and named clones (very common)
14. Leaves mottled yellow, highly colored.....*Akebia quinata* 'Brookside Variegata'
14: Leaved mottled white to cream, often weakly colored.....*Akebia quinata* 'Variegata'