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### White-veined Dutchman's Pipe *Aristolochia fimbriata*

**DESCRIPTION:** White-veined Dutchman's Pipe spreads out to 2' on prostrate, poorly-twining stems. Each rounded leaf is medium green, highlighted with dramatic silver veining. Flowers are solitary and are formed under the leaves. The cute little (1" long) yellow and brown blooms resemble miniature elephant trunks. Flowering occurs throughout the late spring and summer. It is a wonderful food for pipe vine swallow tail butterfly caterpillars and an attractive foliage plant to grow in shade. It is native to Argentina, Paraguay and southern Brazil.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** It is an excellent hanging basket plant, for use in shade, for the leaf form and color, as ground cover, patio container, hanging pot,

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** Suffers a bit above 100°F. Tender below 22°F. Frost kills back the above-ground portions, but it readily emerges from a tuber in the spring. Mound mulch over tuber to extend hardiness.



**Sun tolerance:** White-veined Dutchman's Pipe grows best in medium shade to a light and airy place, but not in direct sunlight.



**Watering and feeding:** Water regularly during the growth period, once or twice a week. Slow down or cease watering during winter as the plant goes dormant. Fertilize with a balanced fertilizer every month throughout the growing season.



**Soil requirements:** It grows best in rich, well-drained soil. Young plants need to be repotted every other year, older plants every 3-5 years.



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