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Grape Ivy or Hierba del Buey *Cissus trifoliata*

DESCRIPTION: This unique and wonderful cold hardy grape ivy is native to the US, from Kansas south into Mexico and Florida. It is found in canyons from 3,000 to 5,000' in southern Arizona. This mostly herbaceous vine can get woody at the base. Its thick, fleshy leaves yield a fetid odor when crushed. It can form tubers along its roots, begetting additional plants. Shiny leaves are up to 3½" long. In summer, the green foliage develops a red tint to the leaf edges. It has tendrils, and can also attaches to objects by means of miniature suction cups. Flowers are small, in greenish clusters up to 2 inches wide, followed by round, black fruit 1/4 to 1/3 inch long.

RECOMMENDED USE: Climbs on trees, buildings, fences, shrubs, gazebos, and ugly buildings. Can take shade. Create a screen on a trellis, patio container or hanging pot.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: To at least 15°F.



Sun tolerance: Does best in light to moderate shade.



Watering and feeding: Very drought tolerant in the ground, but appreciates regular moisture. Water regularly and feed monthly in containers.



Soil requirements: Any soil will do. Can be invasive in loose soil.



Pruning: As needed.