

Vincent Female Kiwi Vine



This plant is also called the Chinese Gooseberry. It gained the more common name Kiwi Fruit through the great marketing efforts of New Zealand farmers who first popularized this fruit. Farmers in New Zealand had been growing the plant since the early part of the 20th century but only after re-naming it "Kiwi fruit" in 1962 did it get international attention.



Actinidia arguta 'Vincent'

- **Use:** Vigorous-growing vine produces tasty, egg-size fruit that mature in late autumn. Needs little winter chill and is ideal for milder climates. Flowers open creamy white and fade to buff in late spring. Despite its name, **Vincent is female, requiring a male-flowered vine to produce fruit; we recommend 'Tomuri'.**
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun (a southern exposure) or partial sun half-day (east or west exposure). When planted in the ground, water weekly if there is no rain. Careful attention needs to be given to watering when first planted. Once they are established they can be grown with normal rain moisture. Do not fertilize this vine too heavily; this can trigger lush foliage growth but poor flowering and fruiting. Prune it as needed in late fall or early winter, or leave it be.
- **Growth:** *Twining stems quickly reach 30 ft. long.*
- **Hardiness:** Zones 7-9. Fruiting vine. Hardy to around 10-15° F
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Ornamental with showy red leaf stems.
- **Flower:** The creamy white flowers in spring age to buff and are followed by tasty egg shaped fuzzy-skinned fruit in fall. It needs a male cultivar to pollinate the spring flowers and we grow the male cultivar 'Tomuri' for this purpose. One male plant can pollinate up to 8 female plants if centrally located. Plant 1 male to every 3-4 females if planting along a fence.