

# Prolific Kiwi Vine



**The Prolific  
Kiwi is  
known for  
three things:**

**It self fertilizes,  
it's cold tolerant  
and its grape-  
sized fruit has  
smooth skin.**



## ***Actinidia arguta* 'Prolific'**

- **Use:** This Kiwi produces sumptuous, nutritious fruit. Less aggressive than other kiwi varieties, Prolific is easily trained and ideal for trellises or fences. Unlike most kiwis that require a male and female to produce fruit, Prolific is self-fertile and will independently yield delicious, grape-sized fruit. The plants are extremely durable, hardy, relatively disease and pest-free. Planted in full to part sun, the fragrant, inconspicuous flowers will bloom in early summer followed by tempting, sweet, smooth-skinned fruit in fall.
- **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.
- **Growth:** Can grow to 20 to 25 feet long m(or 12' in a container), this deciduous vine is much less vigorous than the species -- it grows easily but won't take over the garden. A twining climber, it offers glossy foliage, 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 -- this Japanese cultivar is adaptable. self-fertile, so you need plant only one. It thrives in full sun to partial shade, and prefers good soil on the acidic side.
- **Hardiness:** Zones 4-8. Hardy down to -18 degrees in trials.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Ornamental with showy red leaf stems.
- **Flower:** The bite-sized, 1 ½ inch green kiwis are just right for snacking. They're sweet, high in vitamin C and fuzzless! Relatively compact vines are well suited for smaller spaces—doubly so, since only one plant is necessary to yield fruit. Minimum chilling requirements; 300 hours.

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