

# CHOCOLATE VINE

## AKEBIA QUINATA

FAST GROWING TO COVER ALL MANNER OF TRELLISES, PERGOLAS, FENCES AND OTHER SUPPORTS IN THE SHADE, CHOCOLATE VINE IS A PRETTY THING, ALBERT VIGOROUS. ITS DELICATE FIVE FINGERED LEAVES AND TWINING STEMS QUICKLY EXPAND TO REACH AS MUCH AS 30' IN HEIGHT, THOUGH IT IS FAIRLY EASILY PRUNED TO SIZE. ITS UNUSUAL, SCENTED (SOME SAY LIKE CHOCOLATE!) BLOSSOMS ARE FOLLOWED, WHERE THE FLOWERS ARE CROSS POLLINATED, BY SAUSAGE SHAPED, EDIBLE FRUITS THAT CRACK OPEN ALONG THEIR LENGTH WHEN RIPE. ONE OF THE MORE DEER RESISTANT OF VINES IN OUR AREA, IT IS EASY TO GROW IN AVERAGE SOIL AND MODEST WATERING REGIMES.

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PART SHADE TO SHADE