## **Peter Knippel Garden Centre**

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### **Charmaine Clematis**



# Charmaine™ Clematis Clematis 'Evipo022'

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 12 inches Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 4a

#### **Description:**

This extraordinary, reblooming variety is very free flowering and hardy, producing large double and semi-double rich red flowers with creamy white centers from the ground up; perfect for garden walls, patios and containers; a great conversation piece

Charmaine Clematis flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Charmaine Clematis features showy dark red star-shaped flowers with creamy white eyes at the ends of the stems from late spring to early fall. Its compound leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Charmaine Clematis is an herbaceous perennial vine with a twining and trailing habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant. It is a Type 3 clematis; each spring it should be pruned back to within a few inches of the ground, as it flowers on new wood of the season. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Charmaine Clematis is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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#### **Planting & Growing**

Charmaine Clematis will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. As a climbing vine, it should either be planted near a fence, trellis or other landscape structure where it can be trained to grow upwards on it, or allowed to trail off a retaining wall or slope. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Charmaine Clematis is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.