

Annual Vines That Grow Quickly

Botanical Name	Common Name	Height	Comments
Fast-Growing Annual Vines			
<i>Asarina scandens</i>	climbing snapdragon	6-9'	One inch trumpet-like flowers throughout summer; twining.
<i>Humulus scandens</i>	Japanese hops	5-15'	Green flowers in summer; fast growing; twining.
<i>Ipomoea purpurea</i>	common morning glory	to 10'	Funnel shaped flowers from midsummer to fall; 'Heavenly Blue' recommended.
<i>Ipomoea quamoclit</i>	cypress vine	8-10'	Fine lacy leaves; star-shaped tubular red, pink and white flowers.
<i>Ipomoea xmultifida</i>	cardinal climber	6 to 20'	Ferny foliage; twining; trumpet-shaped flowers.
<i>Lathyrus odoratus</i>	annual sweet pea	2-6'	Pea-type flowers; honey-orange blossom scent; grows best in cool weather.
<i>Phaseolus coccineus</i>	scarlet runner bean	10-15'	Scarlet pea-type flowers; purple pods; twining; edible beans.
<i>Tropaeolum majus</i>	climbing nasturtium	4-6'	Twining; fragrant, edible flowers in red, brown, yellow and bicolor.
Tropical/Tender Perennial* Vines			
<i>Cardiospermum halicacabum</i>	love-in-a-puff, balloon vine	8-10'	Tendrils; tiny white flowers; balloon type seed pods.
<i>Cobaea scandens</i>	cup and saucer vine, cathedral bells	10-20'	2" reddish purple flower cups in green saucers; tendrils.
<i>Eccremocarpus scaber</i>	Chilean glory vine	10-15'	Orange, red, pink, or yellow clusters of flowers from summer to fall.
<i>Ipomoea alba</i>	moonflower	10-20'	Fragrant white flowers from midsummer to frost, heart-shaped leaves.
<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>	sweet potato vine	6-10'	Several cultivars; 'Tricolor' is pink, cream.
<i>Lablab purpureus</i>	purple hyacinth bean	6-20'	Purple fragrant, pea-type flowers; purple beanlike pods.
<i>Mina lobata</i>	Spanish flag, firecracker vine	10-20'	Red flowers fading to yellow and cream.
<i>Passiflora incarnata</i>	passion flower	15-20'	Tendrils; very exotic looking purple and white flowers
<i>Rhodochiton atrosanguineum</i>	purple bell vine	to 10'	Tendrils; tubular, deep purple flowers; heart-shaped leaves.
<i>Thunbergia alata</i>	black-eyed Susan vine	3-7'	Twining; orange, yellow, pink and white flowers with black eye.
<i>Thunbergia grandiflora</i>	skyflower	6-9'	Weaving and twining with sky-blue flowers.
<i>Tropaeolum peregrinum</i>	canary creeper	7-10'	Twining; bright yellow flowers; fringed petals and a green spur.

*Tender perennial vines are not hardy in Minnesota, however in milder climates they are perennials. All vines on this list grow as annuals in Minnesota.



Annual vines require support and can be planted along narrow spaces to cover a wall, shade a patio, or screen a poor view. Many of these attract birds and make a quick display in weeks. Like all annuals, in order to grow to their maximize size, they need regular water and fertilizer throughout the summer.

Compiled by Esther Peters, Stearns County Master Gardener, who loves educating others about nature and plants.

l: Cardinal climber is a fine lacy vine that grows quickly in full sun.
r: Morning glory makes a quick cover at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.