

Chestnut Vine or Lizard Plant

Tetrastigma voinierianum



This aggressive evergreen woody vine climbs by means of long tendrils and can climb and clamber to 30 feet from the base with thick chocolate brown ropelike stems. It has large, shiny grape-like leaves that are divided into three to five wavy downwardly inclined leaflets with reddish brown colored hairs on the underside and young shoots also covered in these hairs. Plant in part sun (coastal) to shade and give ample water in summer months. Hardy to 25°. Can die down to ground in a frost but recovers quickly in late spring. This vine can cover a large area on something that supports it such as a chain link fence and occasional maintenance may be required to keep it in check. Makes a great and quite durable house plant and is occasionally seen sold in a hanging basket.