

**Botanical Name:** *Cissus trifoliata*

**Common Name:** Arizona Grape Ivy



**Family:** Vitaceae

**Habitat:** Along washes and in canyons

**Native Distribution:** Southern Arizona and Mexico

**Elevation:** 3,000 to 5,000 ft

**Hardiness:** 25°F

**Type:** Evergreen

**Size:** 15-30' tall x 10' wide

**Shape:** Twining

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Flowers:** Inconspicuous

**Bloom Season:** Summer

**Fruit:** ¼" black inedible "grapes" follow bloom period

**Foliage:** Either 3" three-lobed leaves or three 3" leaflets

**Exposure:** Full sun to shade

**Shade:** None

**Water Requirements:** Low

**In the Landscape:** *Cissus trifoliata* makes an excellent sprawling groundcover in Phoenix xeriscapes, or it can be allowed to climb and cover walls, chain link fences, or trellises if given support. Plant under a desert tree and let it climb for a lush look. Low maintenance.

**Wildlife:** N/A

**Other Stuff:**

- *Cissus trifoliata* will freeze to the ground in the lower 20s, but will quickly recover.
- Arizona Grape Ivy spreads by underground tubers, which can be poisonous and cause a skin rash in some people.
- Arizona Grape Ivy is an excellent choice for covering block walls.