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VIRGIN'S BOWER

Clematis virginiana

This twining vine produces a profusion of white, fragrant fall-blooming flowers which morph into attractive, plume-like seed heads.
Blooms on current year's growth.

Benefits for Wildlife

- Pollinator magnet
- Only host plant for Brown Bark Carpet Moth and Clematis Clearwing Moth
- Predators such as spiders and centipedes hide in the leaves

Host to 9 caterpillar species:

(common names) Whitemarked Tussock Moth; Brown Bark Carpet Moth; Clematis Clearwing Moth; Spotted Thyris; Eupithecia misturata; Common Tan Wave; Tufted Apple-Bud Moth; Curved-Tooth Geometer, Fall Webworm

Benefits for People

- This plant is sometimes referred to as old man's beard because of its frilly seed heads
- Can be an aggressive spreader; shear spent blooms to prevent self-seeding

Growing Information

<i>Sunlight</i>	Full sun to part shade
<i>Soil Type</i>	Prefers medium to wet, well-drained soil
<i>Height</i>	12–20'
<i>Width</i>	3-6'
<i>Flowering calendar</i>	August to October

Natural Habitat

- Low woodland areas and thickets

