



## Rain Dance Clematis

*Clematis 'Rain Dance'*

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Bush Clematis

### Description:

An incredibly showy bush variety, featuring an abundance of rich indigo-blue flowers throughout the summer; non-climbing, but benefits from the support of obelisks, staking, or other plants; a great accent plant for borders, gardens, or patio containers

### Ornamental Features

Rain Dance Clematis features showy indigo star-shaped flowers with blue overtones and yellow anthers at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid summer. Its glossy pointy compound leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

### Landscape Attributes

Rain Dance Clematis is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading 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, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Rain Dance Clematis is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



*Rain Dance Clematis flowers*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Rain Dance Clematis will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. 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.

Rain Dance Clematis is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.