

# Vines Decorative Part of Landscape

EAST LANSING Vines can be a decorative part of your landscape, says Dr. Harold Davidson, Michigan State University horticulturist.

Some climbing plants have many special uses in landscaping: screening, covering large wall areas and providing decorative effects. Many vines have outstanding seasonal characteristics such as showy flowers and fruits of bright fall colors.

# Suburban Gardener Locust Trees Blooming By Michigan Roadsides

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There is a little street in Farmington called Locust Drive, named for the many locust trees that line the road. However, it is not the only place in the area graced by these beautiful trees that are now laden with long clusters of fragrant white blooms.

Known as common locust, black locust, or false acacia, these trees have the botanical name of Robinia pseudo-acacia. They are natives of the Ozarks and Appalachian Mountains from Pennsylvania to Georgia, but have made themselves at home in southern Michigan.

They have been cultivated in the United States since early colonial times and are one of the most widely planted of all American trees, growing in every state in the continental United States.

They have been widely planted in Europe, too, especially along city streets where their durability and drought resistance as well as their beauty is appreciated. They are possibly the only American tree to have become naturalized in Europe.

THEY ARE also used in erosion control and in the reclamation of wastelands. The spreading roots hold the soil on steep hillsides and gullies. Young plants sprout from the roots around older plants forming thickets that are ideal

havens for birds and small game animals. The roots add usable nitrogen to the soil gradually building up the soil until eventually it is suitable for other trees and shrubs.

Locust wood is hard, heavy, and close-grained, second only to cedar in durability.

Locusts grow in almost any kind of soil, except those that are very dry or very moist. They are very fast growing. They generally reach 40 to 60 feet in height, although occasionally individuals 100 feet tall are found.

The trunk is often twisted or crooked and the crown is open and irregular in form. The bark is dark and thick and somewhat zigzagged with small spines at their base, and the leaves are long and feathery with many small oval leaflets that are thin and smooth.

The showy white flowers, in drooping clusters four or five inches long, have a delicious fragrance. Each blossom, shaped like a pea blossom with the two lower petals joined to form a keel, two side ones forming wings, and the upper one like a banner. These are followed later in the season by short flat light brown seed pods that cling to the tree all winter. The pea-shaped flowers and seed pods give testimony to the fact that locusts are members of the legume or legumine family.

Another member of the Robinia family group is the Clammy Locust, (Robinia viscosa), a medium sized tree with hairy twigs and leaf stems and pink flowers.

There are also numerous Robinia shrubs that make attractive specimens in a yard or park. The Rose Acacia (R. Hipida) has large pink flowers on a shrubby bush one to three feet tall. Robinia Kelsey grows to 12 feet, either a tall shrub or a small tree, laden in early summer with clusters of small rose-colored flowers.

The popular Moraine locust is a distant relative of the black locust. It is a horticultural variety of a tree known commonly as the honey locust and botanically as Gleditsia triacanthos.

The honey locust, unlike the common or black locust have small greenish rather inconspicuous flowers and long twisted bean-like pods. The stems and often the trunks, too, are armed with long formidable spines.

The Moraine locust was the first horticultural variety of honey locust to be developed that eliminated the spines and the seed pods. Now there are numerous other name varieties of seedless and thornless honey locusts. Like their cousins, the common locust, they have graceful fern-like leaves and are good ornamental or shaped trees.

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