

GRAPE KIWI

◆ 'Issai' Self Fertile Hardy Grape Kiwi



This Attractive Twiner Delivers Tropical Flair to the Landscape and Delicious Fruit to the Table

Typically grown for its tropical looking, glossy green foliage and edible fruit, *Actinidia arguta* 'Issai' has the added benefit of being self-fertile, and is more compact than other varieties. 'Issai' also thrives in areas too cold for typical kiwis. Fragrant, showy, greenish-white flowers emerge late Spring to early Summer, followed by an abundance of grape-sized, smooth-skinned, green fruit. Fruit tastes like a sweeter version of the true kiwi. Unlike its relative, the fruit of 'Issai' has no fuzz, and can be eaten unpeeled like a grape.

GRAPE KIWI ESSENTIALS:

- Deciduous, woody, twining, fruit bearing vine
- Mature size 20'H x 20'W
- Tropical looking foliage; large, ovate, glossy green leaves
- Showy, greenish-white, fragrant flowers late Spring to early Summer; flowers are self-fertile; pollinator friendly
- Smooth-skinned green fruit the size of grapes can be eaten whole; taste is similar to that of tropical kiwi, but sweeter; prolific producer ripens September-October
- Full sun with regular water; tolerates most soils unless they are water logged for any appreciable time; requires strong support to hold up vines and fruit
- Hardy to USDA zone 4
- Use as landscape specimen and fruit production on trellises, arbors, or as 'live' fence disguise

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