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*Cissus rhombifolia*

[Synonyms : *Cissus obliqua*, *Cissus rhomboidea*, *Rhoicissus rhombifolia*, *Vitis rhombifolia*]

**GRAPE IVY** is a shrubby vine. Native to tropical America it has insignificant, greenish-white flowers.

It is also known as Cissus ivy, *Kungscissus* (Swedish), *Kuningaskissus* (Finnish), Oak leaf ivy, Venezuela treebine, and *Žumen routolistý* (Czech).

Warning – the fruit may be poisonous and the sap in contact with the skin can cause blistering. *Rhombifolia* means ‘with rhombic- or diamond-shaped leaves’.

It is popular among North American gardeners as a houseplant especially in hanging baskets. Medicinally, local herbalists are said to have used the vine (despite its blistering qualities) for treating stomach upsets.