

Scientific Name: *Tripterygium regelii*

Family: Celastraceae

Common Name: Regel's Threewingnut

Native Habitat: Japan, Korea, Manchuria

Hardiness Zone: Zones 4-7

Exposure: Sun

Form: A deciduous scandent shrub/vine that grows ultimately to 30 feet. Ours grows on our sunny Rock Ledge in well-drained soil, and very exposed. In 8 years it has grown to 5 feet tall by 8 feet wide.

Growth Rate: Slow to moderate.

Leaf: Leaves are ovate to elliptic, obtusely serrate.

Flower: Long-lasting, small, 5-petaled, white tinged green, in large terminal panicles up to 8 inches long with a slightly sweet scent.

Fruit: Produces green, 3-winged fruits that dry like the samaras of elm trees and persist well into fall.

Notable as Beatrix Farrand's favourite vine and grows on the walls of Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, DC. A lovely non-invasive relative of Bittersweet (*Celastrus*). Rare and well worth the search.

