

## Argentine Natives Worthy to be Grown

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When talking about the “pampa” area of Argentina, we’re describing an area between 34° and 38° South Latitude (SL), with a temperate climate, 32 inches of annual rainfall, an annual average temperature of 61F, highest season average temperature of 74F, and the lowest season average temperature of 46F

Subtropical forest (Northeastern Argentina) is 25-28° SL, more than 50 inches of annual rainfall, annual average temperature 70F, highest season average temperature higher than 85F and lowest season average temperature higher than 60F

Cloud forest (Northwestern Argentina), 24° to 27° SL, more than 40 inches of annual rainfall, annual average temperature 66F, highest season average temperature higher than 70F, lowest season average temperature higher than 50F.

Patagonic Andes forest, 39° to -43° SL, 32 to 120 inches of annual rainfall; annual average temperature 41 to 50F, highest season average temperature 48 to 61F, lowest season average temperature 33 to 43F

### ***Dicliptera tweediana* - Acanthaceae.**

Herbaceous perennial that can reach 2 ft in height. It flowers continuously from spring to winter, with tubular-shaped scarlet flowers with two yellow anthers in the open mouth of the tube. Lives with sun in nature, but prefers light shade conditions. Hardy down to 25F, prefers clay, alkaline soils. Easily propagated from its large seeds though it can be quite difficult to transplant. Its origin is pampa area (Central Argentina).

### ***Eryngium* - Apiaceae.**

Perennial, herbaceous plant up to 10 ft tall. Foliage forming perennial rosettes of narrow leaves with toothed or spiny edges, very wide in some species, resulting in a bromeliad aspect. Full sun. Clay soils, dry to moist. The flower spikes are light green, silver, creamy or purple, with great ornamental value, attractive for more than 2 months. They’re propagated from seeds, which are abundantly produced. Hardy down to 22F. Habitat: pampa area, Central Argentina.

### ***Verbena patagonica* (syn. *Verbena bonariensis*) - Verbenaceae.**

Perennial, herbaceous plant up to 7 ft tall. Pink to lilac flowers, with perennial foliage. Needs full sun and grows in clay soils. Hardy down to 22F. It can be propagated from fresh seeds. Origin: pampa area (Central Argentina)

### ***Heteropterys angustifolia* - Malpighiaceae.**

Vine/shrub with long, narrow leaves, deciduous. The clusters of yellow flowers show for a long period, starting in spring. Attractive winged red fruits follow, prolonging interest for many more months. Propagated from seeds. Prefers full sun and clay soils. Hardy down to 22F. Origin: subtropical forest (Northeastern Argentina)

### ***Pyrostegia venusta* - Bignoniaceae.**

Climber with perennial foliage. The flowers of two orange tones show in winter and early spring. Full sun, clay soils. It’s propagated from seeds and from cuttings taken in summer. Origin: subtropical forest (Northeastern Argentina)