



FYN Garden Q & A Series

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FYN Topic: Pipevine

Question: I purchased and planted a pipevine last spring. I wasn't expecting ANYTHING to happen so soon but it bloomed 4 weeks later. What a shock!!! This vine is going crazy – with much bigger blooms than expected. Why are they so large? Email from Sara D.

Answer: Beautiful choice! This may be the vigorous-growing, Giant Dutchman's Pipevine (*Aristolochia gigantea*). It will bloom both spring and fall in South Florida. *A. gigantea* produces huge, lobed or notched flags rather than blooms with long tails that's produced on the more common pipevine (*A. grandiflora*). The giant also has pointy leaves rather than rounded leaves seen on Calico-Flower.



Common Pipevine (*A. grandiflora*)

Useful Links

<http://www.floridayards.org>

<http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu>

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/>

<http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/FYN/FYNHome.shtml>

<http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu>



**Giant Dutchman's Pipevine
(*Aristolochia gigantea*)**

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