

The use of the *Parthenocissus quinquefolia* in biological reclamation of waste rock dumps

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Main characteristics of *Parthenocissus quinquefolia*

Parthenocissus quinquefolia – is a species of flowering plant in the grape family. It is native to eastern and central North America and is frequently used for vertical gardening.

Advantages and disadvantages of using *Parthenocissus quinquefolia* for reclamation

Advantages

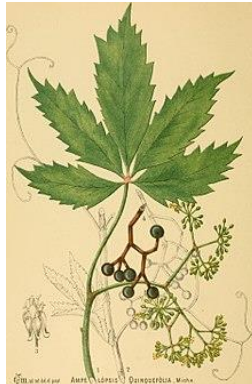
- Unpretentious to the soil, prefers stony soils
- It grows quickly
- Dry- resistant
- Frost-resistant
- Reinforces slopes with root system
- Fruits attract all kinds of different animals

Disadvantages

- Invasive species, that is capable of displacing other species

Experience of using *Parthenocissus quinquefolia* for landscaping waste rock dumps in Ukraine

Parthenocissus quinquefolia – is already being used in many waste rock dumps in Ukraine. It is mainly planted by the birds and it's mixed together with all kinds of different plants that are able to survive in that tough environment. It has being seen growing on waste rock dumps in Kryvyi Rih, Dokuchayivsk and Donetsk.



Conclusion: Considering the lack of disadvantages, introduced species is one of the best solutions for reclamation of waste rock dumps.

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