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***Piper* - “Pepper Vine”**

Piper, commonly called "Pepper Vine," is a genus of shrubs, herbs, and vines that has a huge collection of species as part of the family.

Light: Variable depending on species; generally part sun

Water: Variable depending on species

Environment: Mostly found in tropical forests but some varieties can be found in higher elevations

Toxicity: Not available

Habit / Size: Variable depending on species

Of Note:

- A close relative of Piper is the genus Peperomia being from the same family of Piperaceae
- Piper is derived from the Sanskrit term *pippali* meaning “long pepper”
- Not all Piper plants in the genus produce peppercorns; piper nigrum is the member that produces black peppercorns
- Piper crocatum is a colorful climbing vine species that requires slight dry to the touch in regards to watering and bright filtered ambient light in the middle of the day with a pinch of direct sunlight at low intensity times

*When planting in a pot without a drainage hole, help avoid over watering by estimating 25% of the container's overall volume, with appropriate drainage materials incorporated when planting.