



## Species: *Vinca minor*

(vingk'ah mye'nor)

### Common Periwinkle

#### Cultivar Information

\* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

#### Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Groundcover

Height: 3

Leaves: Evergreen

Shape: groundcover

Ornamental Other: prefers soil abundantly supplied with organic matter; can tolerate poor soils but will not develop and fill in as fast; shade tolerant

#### Environmental Characteristics

Light: Part shade, Shade

Hardy To Zone: 4b

Soil Ph: Can tolerate acid to alkaline soil (pH 5.0 to 8.0)

Environmental Other: lilac blue flowers in March; shiny green foliage

#### Insect Disease

canker and dieback have been significant problems

#### Bare Root Transplanting

Any

## Other

can transplant bare root, native to Europe. Naturalized in US. Persistent in the landscape

Cultivars for *Vinca minor*

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| Cultivar Name     | Notes   |
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| Alba              | 'Alba' - white flowers and smaller foliage  |
| Alba Plena        | 'Alba Plena' (a.k.a. 'Albo Plena') - double white flowers; otherwise similar to species   |
| Atropurpurea      | 'Atropurpurea' - deep plum-purple blooms; flowers are larger than species; otherwise similar to species   |
| Florepleno        | 'Florepleno' (a.k.a. 'Flore Pleno', 'Multiplex') - double-flowered form with purple-blue petals   |
| Gertrude Jekyll   | 'Gertrude Jekyll' (a.k.a. 'Miss Jekyll') - dwarf, compact form; pure white flowers; plants smaller in all parts   |
| Illumination      | 'Illumination' - golden yellow variegation in the center of each leaf, the margin of green is so thin that the entire plant appears yellow; vigorous grower; purple blooms                |
| La Grave          | 'La Grave' (a.k.a. 'Bowlesii', 'Bowles Variety') - profuse, larger lavender-blue flowers; stronger clumping habit than species, thus more plants may be needed to complete mass plantings |
| Ralph Shugert     | 'Ralph Shugert' - similar to 'La Grave', regular border of creamy white around each leaf  |
| Sterling Silver   | 'Sterling Silver' - cream variegated leaves; pale violet blooms   |
| Argenteovariegata | 'Argenteovariegata' - variegated with white edges   |
| Aureovariegata    | 'Aureovariegata' (a.k.a. 'Aureomarginata') - golden variegation along leaf edges  |

## Photos



Vinca minor - Flower



Vinca minor - Leaves



Vinca minor - Habit



Vinca minor - Leaves, Flowers



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