



Species: *Hedera helix*

(hed'er-ah he'liks)

English Ivy

Cultivar Information

At least 30 cultivars exist for this popular plant. It's invasive tendencies in some areas should be noted. However in areas where it is not invasive its quality as an evergreen groundcover and climber is unparalleled. Go here to see more cultivars: <http://www.ivy.org/gallery1.htm>

* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Groundcover, Vine

Height: 12

Leaves: Evergreen

Shape: Clinging vine or ground cover

Ornamental Other: growth is maximized in rich, organic soil; some protection from full winter sun and wind is necessary at the northern edges of zone 5b to avoid winter drying of foliage

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Part shade, Shade

Hardy To Zone: 5b

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

Environmental Other: evergreen; dark green lustrous foliage clings to anything; black fruits throughout the winter

Insect Disease

susceptible to mite infestations

Bare Root Transplanting

Any

Other

Native to Europe. Invasive to Pacific Northeast US.

Cultivars for *Hedera helix*Showing **1-11** of **11** items.

Cultivar Name	Notes
Thorndale	'Thorndale' -hardy and salt tolerant; large, glossy leaves with white veins
Arborescens	'Arborescens' - shrubby form, non-vining; ovate, unlobed leaves as an adult
Baltica	'Baltica' - hardy form; smaller leaves than species
Bulgaria	'Bulgaria' - one of the hardiest forms; drought resistant
Hibernica	'Hibernica' - larger, more shiny leaves
Ogalalla	'Ogalalla' - very hard
Purpurea	'Purpurea' - purplish foliage turns darker or bronze in winter
Rochester	'Rochester' - hardy form; small to medium leaves
Treetop	'Treetop' - hardy adult form; produces flowers and fruit; probably best avoided in areas where this species is invasive
Wilsonii	'Wilsonii' (a.k.a. 'Wilson') - hardy form; small, pointed leaves; compact habit
Buttercup	'Buttercup' - foliage pale green in shade, gold to chartreuse in sun

Photos



Hedera helix - Habit



Hedera helix - Bark



Hedera helix - Habit



Hedera helix - Habit



Hedera helix - Habit



Hedera helix - Habit



Hedera helix - Leaves



Hedera helix - Flowers, Fruit



Hedera helix - Leaves