



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
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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