

Botanical Name: Hedera helix 'Variegata'

Common Name: Variegated English ivy

Type of Plant: dicot; groundcover Family Araliaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape spreading, low, mat-forming groundcover which climbs by aerial roots which penetrate wood or soil; becomes dense with age

Height indefinite Spread indefinite Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors tolerates part-shade or full sun; generally best with shade

Soil tolerates all but the very alkaline soils

Hardiness hardy – all zones

Morphology:

Leaves palmate to 3" across with gray-green coloring marbled with creamy white; 3 to 5 lobed; adult foliage loses lobes and becomes shrubby

Flowers small greenish white flowers in terminal panicles

Fruit 1/8" diameter black drupe

Propagation: mallet cuttings taken any time

Usage: excellent groundcover for partly shaded areas; somewhat less aggressive than the species, works well in subtropical or tropical landscape styles, even in temperate or English cottage garden styles

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerates fairly most conditions, but thrives where drainage is good and water is not excessive

Fertilizing balanced in spring where growth is not filled in

Pruning head back to keep in bounds; clean away from other plants

Pests/Diseases bacterial leaf spot; root rot in heavy soils

Other reduce water and fertilizer to eliminate bacterial leaf spot

Origin: Europe