

Botanical Name: Soleirolia soleirolii

Common Name: Baby's tears

Type of Plant: dicot; groundcover Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape very low, creeping mat-like growth, plant spreads out  
rapidly to produce a soft carpet

Height 1-4" Spread indefinite Growth Rate moderate - rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor partial sun, shade

Soil moist, acidic loam soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-24); dies back from frost, recovers fast

Morphology:

Leaves tiny, round-oval pinnate leaves, 1/8-1/4" across,  
alternate, mostly unequal sided, medium green, succulent

Flowers minute, greenish white, solitary in axils

Fruit tiny achene

Propagation: division of plant; usually plugs

Usage: fine textured groundcover for small area, shaded locations,  
tropical and forest theme landscapes, fern areas, stream-side plantings

Landscape Care:

Watering regular, tolerates heavy; not drought tolerant

Fertilizing light feeding of slow release fertilizer as needed

Pruning head back by digging out prostrate stems, can be invasive

Pests/Diseases snails/slugs

Special Conditions

Origin: Corsica Family: Urticaceae