

Botanical Name: Zebrina pendula

Common Name: Wandering jew

Type of Plant: monocot: houseplant Family Commelinaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape vigorous, trailing, vine-like plant with jointed stems which root at the nodes – this variety is striped and purple-tinged

Height 6 to 8 in. Spread indefinite Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure indoors most any exposure indoors, takes shade outdoors

Soil average potting soil

Hardiness tender to frost – durable indoors

Morphology:

Leaves ovate, purplish beneath, striped and whitish above – sometimes with a reddish cast; arranged in two distinct ranks

Flowers tiny pink flowers enclosed in a pair of leafy bracts

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings (very easy)

Usage: hanging basket for indoor or patio use; very durable indoors but also thrives in patio or atrium conditions where it is used as a spreading groundcover

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering – will tolerate brief drought

Fertilizing balanced fertilizer 1/2 strength twice each month

Pruning pinch back regularly to induce bushiness and produce new growth

Pests/Diseases none

Other

Origin: Tropical Mexico