

Botanical Name: Hedera canariensis

Common Name: Algerian ivy

Type of Plant: dicot; vine Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape vigorously spreading or climbing vine by means of aerial rootlets; coarse textured and very aggressive, Algerian ivy can overwhelm other plants in all but the largest planters

Height to 30-40' Spread indefinite Growth Rate very rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor any exposure--best in partial sun

Soil tolerates most -- prefers moist loam

Hardiness hardy, (zones 8,9,12-24)

Morphology:

Leaves palmate, alternate, widely spaced on stems, 3-5 lobed, 4-8" wide, shiny green, 6-12" long petioles

Flowers inconspicuous, greenish white, terminal umbels

Fruit black drupe, 1/4" diameter

Propagation: semihardwood mallet cuttings

Usage: large area ground cover, vine to cover large fence or wall, erosion control, shade cover on arbors; very invasive

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular -- tolerates drought after established

Fertilizing balanced in spring, plus iron

Pruning head back anytime to control size

Pests/Diseases snails/slugs, bacterial leaf spot

Special Conditions harbors rats, spiders and other pests

Origin: Canary Islands Family: Araliaceae