

Botanical Name: Plectranthus australis

Common Name: Creeping Charley

Type of Plant: dicot: houseplant Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape spreading, sprawling, trailing plant with thick glossy foliage and fleshy stems

Height to 8" Spread to 10' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure in and out indoors takes medium light; outdoors-shade to part sun

Soil any well-drained soil

Hardiness tender outdoors (zones 22-24) durable indoors

Morphology:

Leaves broadly ovate, opposite, glossy dark green to 1-1/2" wide and long margins crenate to serrate--thick and fleshy

Flowers small white flowers in terminal panicles--usually in spring--most often removed

Fruit small nutlet

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: hanging houseplant or patio plant, also effective as a shade-loving groundcover

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average water

Fertilizing balanced, half-strength, twice monthly

Pruning head back frequently to encourage bushiness

Pests/Diseases mealybug, scale

Special Conditions purple veins indicate phosphorus deficiency

Origin: Australia Family: Labiatae