

Botanical Name: Ledebouria socialis

Common Name: Silver squill

Type of Plant: monocot: perennial Family Liliaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape clumping, bulbous perennial with unique spotted silver and green foliage; stems and bulbs are reddish purple

Height to 12" Spread to 3 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure out/indoors prefers shade outdoors, bright light and humidity indoors

Soil prefers a well-drained soil with plenty of organic matter

Hardiness Tender: zones 17, 21-24

Morphology:

Leaves strap-like fleshy leaves to 8" long, 1" across with unique silvery splotches above and purple coloring beneath

Flowers terminal racemes with tiny star-like green and white flowers featuring recurved petals; stamens purple

Fruit capsule

Propagation: division any time

Usage: houseplant or container plant grown for foliage and flowers; gives a tropical look as a groundcover or low specimen plant

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering

Fertilizing slow-release balanced fertilizer in spring

Pruning dead head and divide regularly; can become dense and crowded

Pests/Diseases snails and slugs

Other _____

Origin: South Africa