

Botanical Name: Muehlenbeckia complexa

Common Name: Mattress vine

Type of Plant: dicot: groundcover Family Polygonaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Low, sprawling, aggressive plant which can climb into  
existing plants or up a fence or wall; can also be kept as a low groundcover

Height to 30 ft. Spread to 30 ft. Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil tolerates most any soil if drainage is good

Hardiness Hardy: Zones 3-9, 14-24

Morphology:

Leaves oval to orbiculate, to 3/4" long and across, on black twining  
stems which can twine aggressively; leaves dark green, somewhat shiny

Flowers tiny panicle to 1/2" long; inconspicuous, creamy white to  
yellow-green

Fruit small achene

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: used as an aggressive groundcover in rustic settings; its  
rampant growth can overtake other plants; can be used as a dense climber to cover  
chain-link fences or walls

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average watering; can tolerate some drought

Fertilizing slow-release at planting time

Pruning head back strongly to keep controlled

Pests/Diseases none significant

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Origin: New Zealand