

Botanical Name: Tradescantia fluminensis

Common Name: Wandering Jew

Type of Plant: monocot: houseplant Character Evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape trailing, vine-like plant with fleshy stems and leaves;
develops long hanging stems with age.

Height 3-6" Spread indefinite Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure in/outdoor takes medium light indoors (250 FC); shade outdoors

Soil average potting soil

Hardiness very durable indoors; tender outdoors (zones 22-24)

Morphology:

Leaves ovate to elliptical, usually striped with white or
purple, to 1-1/2" long, 3/4" wide, somewhat pubescent on margins and stems

Flowers white, 1/2" across, star-shaped

Fruit 3 celled capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: hanging plants, sometimes used as a shade-loving
tropical groundcover

Landscape Care:

Watering needs frequent watering

Fertilizing balanced, half-strength, twice monthly

Pruning head back frequently, renew by cutting every 2 years

Pests/Diseases root rot if kept too wet

Special Conditions

Origin: S. America Family: Commelinaceae