

Botanical Name: Vinca major

Common Name: Common periwinkle

Type of Plant: dicot; groundcover Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape spawling, loosely mounded to nearly prostrate, somewhat  
trailing groundcover; individual stems are more or less upright

Height 6-18" Spread 3-5' (per plant) Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor prefers partial sun, tolerates any exposure

Soil prefers well-draining soil; tolerates most

Hardiness hardy (zones 5-24); prefers mild habitats

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, ovate/oval, 1-3" long, rather long  
petioled, glossy dark green

Flowers pale blue, 1 to 1-1/2" diameter, solitary, axillary, bell-  
shaped, spring-summer bloom, intermittent year round

Fruit inconspicuous--tiny follicle

Propagation: softwood/semihardwood cuttings

Usage: excellent large scale ground cover, good on slopes, under  
deep shade trees and other difficult to landscape areas, erosion control,  
invasive

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular, can tolerate drought

Fertilizing only as needed

Pruning head back to 2-3" periodically to encourage new growth

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Europe Family: Apocynaceae