

Genus: *Hedera*
Species: *canariensis*
Cultivar:
Family: Araliaceae

Common Name: Algerian ivy

Origin: Canary Islands, North Africa



Stanford

Kind of Plant: Groundcover / Vine

Seasonal Habit: Evergreen

Growth Habit: Spreading

Height: 40 ft (as vine)

Width: 40 ft (as vine)

Light Needs: Sun, part shade, shade

Water Needs: Drought Tolerant - performs well with no irrigation after first 2 years.

Special Identifying Features

Leaves: Alternate, simple, palmate, large veins, leathery, to 5" to 8" wide, juvenile leaves glossy and green with 3 to 5 lobes, adult leaves not lobed.

Bark/Twig: Juvenile stems flexible and root bearing, adult stems stiff and nonclimbing, young stems burgundy red color

Flowers: Small, green, in clusters, on mature growth only.

Fruit: Small black berries in clusters on mature growth only.

Disease(s): Leaf spot, sunburn

(Refer to Disease and Pest Control chart for treatments.)

Pest(s): Harbors slugs, snails

Special Points: Highly invasive. For groundcover, plant 1½ ft. to 2 ft. apart. Mow or cut back once every two years to rejuvenate. Needs water in full sun to prevent sunburn. Aggressive and hard to get rid of once established. Leaves on *H. canariensis* larger and are more widely spaced along stems than *H. helix*. Keep away from trees.

Campus Location: 1) 315 Bonair, 2) GSB, 3) Lomita Mall