**Genus:** Hedera  
**Species:** canariensis  
**Common Name:** Algerian ivy  
**Origin:** Canary Islands, North Africa

**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.
- **Flowers:** Small, green, in clusters, on mature growth only.
- **Bark/Twig:** Juvenile stems flexible and root bearing, adult stems stiff and nonclimbing, young stems burgundy red color
- **Fruit:** Small black berries in clusters on mature growth only.

**Disease(s):** Leaf spot, sunburn  
**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