

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

**Common Name:** English ivy

**Origin:** Europe, Western Asia, North Africa



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**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:** Low - deep monthly watering in 6 hottest months.

**Special Identifying Features**

**Leaves:** Juvenile leaves 3 to 5 lobed, 4" wide and 2" long, dark dull green with light colored veins, adult leaves elliptic

**Bark/Twig:**

**Flowers:** Green in clusters on mature growth

**Fruit:**

Small 1/4" black berries in clusters on mature growth

**Disease(s):** Leaf spot

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

**Pest(s):** Slugs, snails

**Special Points:**

For groundcover, plant 1 to 1-1/2 ft apart. Needs water in full sun. Invasive but not as invasive as Algerian ivy, better for small spaces. Best in part shade. Cultivar 'Hahns' is common; very bushy (stems branch at tips). Smaller leaves and more delicate look than *H. canariensis*. Many cultivars available such as 'Needlepoint' and 'Minima'.

**Campus Location:** 1) Between Hoover Tower and Art Gallery, 2) Quad Portals, 3) Law School.