Stanford Grounds PLANT INFORMATION SHEET

Common Name: Periwinkle/Dwarf Periwinkle

Species: major/minor

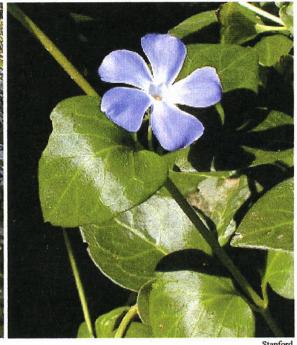
Genus: Vinca

Cultivar:

Family: Apocynaceae

Origin: Europe, Eastern United States





Width: Variable

Kind of Plant: Groundcover

Growth Habit: Spreading

Light Needs: Sun-Part Sun-Shade

Height: V. major: 1 ft to 2 ft

Seasonal Habit: Evergreen

V. minor: 4" to 6"

Water Needs: Medium - V. major Low - V. major

Bark/Twig:

Special Identifying Features

Leaves:

Simple, opposite, shiny, dark green, oval to

oblong, V. major = 3", V. minor = 3/4" to 13/4". Some forms are variegated with white or

yellow.

Flowers: Lavender-blue, five petaled, pinwheel

shape, in leaf joints, in early spring, V. major to 2" across, V. minor to 1" across, white to deep purple. White flowering forms available.

Disease(s): Vinca blight

Fruit:

Pest(s):

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

Special Points:

V. major is larger and more aggressive. V. minor looks like a miniature V. major. Best with some shade. Needs generous watering when grown in full sun. Shear close to the ground occasionally to bring on fresh new growth.

Campus Location: 1) Mausoleum (V. major), 2) East end Hoover Grove (V. major), 3) Ford Center (V. major). 4) Schwab (V. minor 'Sterling Silver'), 5) Bonair Siding (V. minor), 6) Tanner fountain (V. minor), Amy Blue Garden (V. minor)