Genus: Vinca  
Species: major/minor  
Common Name: Periwinkle/Dwarf Periwinkle  
Origin: Europe, Eastern United States

Kind of Plant: Groundcover

Growth Habit: Spreading

Light Needs: Sun-Part Sun-Shade

Seasonal Habit: Evergreen

Height: V. major: 1 ft to 2 ft  
         V. minor: 4" to 6"

Width: Variable

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

Special Identifying Features

Leaves: Simple, opposite, shiny, dark green, oval to oblong. V. major = 3", V. minor = 1/2" to 1¼". 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.

Bark/Twig:

Fruit:

Disease(s): Vinca blight

Pest(s):

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)