

***Vinca minor*, Lesser Periwinkle**

General Botanical Characteristics

Vinca Minor, known as common periwinkle or lesser periwinkle is native to Europe and western Asia. It is a low, trailing evergreen groundcover only 3" to 6" tall. It spreads many feet, has thin, wiry stems and can be grown in colder regions with snow cover.



Seasonal Development

Lesser Periwinkle prefers partial shade and tends to yellow in full sun and high heat. It grows better in moist, well-drained soil.

Distribution/Habitat

Native to Britain and Europe, lesser periwinkle can be found throughout North America because it has been used by horticulturalists as ground cover.

Interesting Facts

- It has been used to heal wounds.
- Lesser Periwinkle is used for erosion control.

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