

Botanical name:
Genus: Hedera
Species: helix

Common name (s):
Ivy

Latin Family Name:
Araliaceae

English Family Name: Aralia

The plant

Origin; country or region: Native to most of Europe and western Asia

Growth habit: A rampant, clinging evergreen vine

Flower description: Greenish-white flowers in early fall followed by blue-black berries

Blooming period/availability: Perennial

Leaf/Foliage Description: Gray-green foliage variegated with creamy white margins

Usage: It is a familiar sight in gardens, waste spaces, and wild areas, where it grows on walls, fences, tree trunks, etc

STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:

Reliable and dependable

Due to its hardy nature, and its tendency to grow readily without human assistance, ivy attained popularity as an ornamental plant

Suitable as wall and ground cover

Lawn alternative

Can be used in landscaping to grow on rocks or architecturally manipulated

Good for indoor or outdoor hanging baskets

Smaller-leaved cultivars are often used for topiary shapes, hanging baskets, houseplants or small area ground covers

WEAKNESS:

If unchecked it can grow unchecked in myriad and wild

When planted in the landscape, it is an invasive, weedy, and aggressive

Climbing vines around homes easily crawl into unintended areas, curl around gutters, and damage painted surfaces, loose mortar or aluminum siding if growth is not closely monitored

Plants like cool weather



Care & Handling

Longevity: 10 years plus

Water requirements: Keep compost moist

Light: Bright with some direct sun.

Soil/Nutrition requirements: Require slightly acidic soils, good drainage and constant moisture

Special care/remarks: Wash leaves regularly.
Sensitive to weather conditions

