
Habitat: Found in shady areas such as woods, bluffs, and waste grounds. Periwinkle typically grows in consistently moist, rich soil.

General Description: A glossy dark-green subshrub or vine that spreads stems along the ground that root to form large colonies.

Distinctive Characteristics: The violet-purple flowers bloom from early spring to midsummer. The leaves are opposite. The closely related species, *Vinca major*, is similar but larger in all parts and with relatively broader leaves with a hairy margin.

Growth Habit: Vine, Forb/Herb

Distribution: Found throughout the United States in at least 36 states.

Periwinkle

Vinca major/minor



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Family: Apocynaceae (Dogbane Family)

