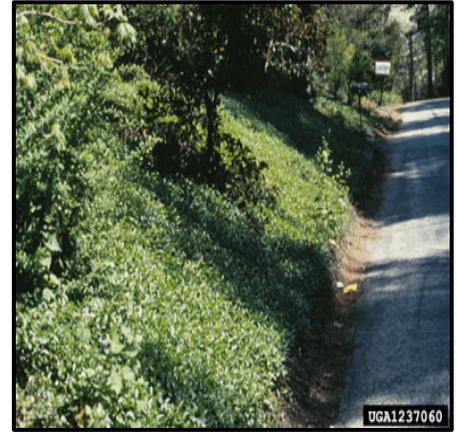




## COMMON PERIWINKLE

*Vinca minor*



Infestation of roadside

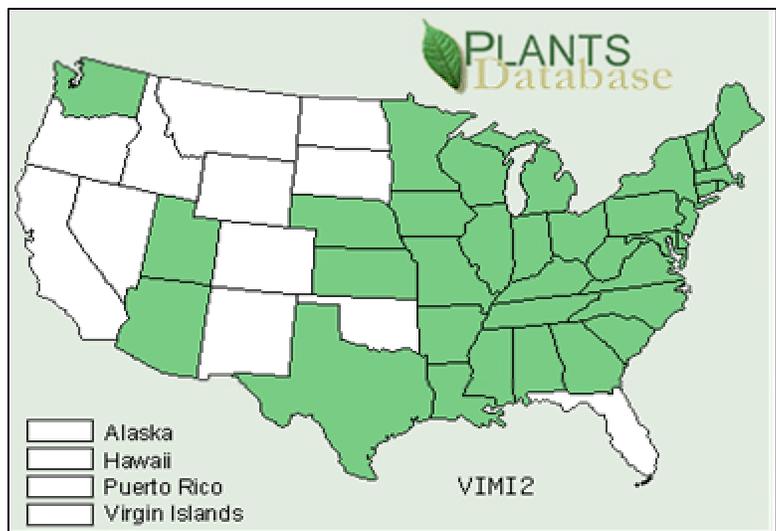
*Vinca minor*

**Description:** Creeping evergreen vine grows 3" to 6" tall, forms a dense tangled mat of long stems and elliptical leaves, rooting at intervals. Spring flowers are pale blue to purple.

**Habitat:** Prefers partial shade, tends to yellow in full sun and high heat, best soil is moist, well-drained and fertile; relatively soil adaptable; grows in woods, bluffs, and waste ground. Found around home site plantings, grave yards, and scattered in open dense canopied forests.

**Distribution:** Predominately throughout the Eastern and Midwestern United States and into Western states as seen in green on the map.

**Other details:** *Vinca minor* is an aggressive grower. Vinca forms mats and extensive infestations even under forest canopies. This plant is listed as an invasive weed.



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