



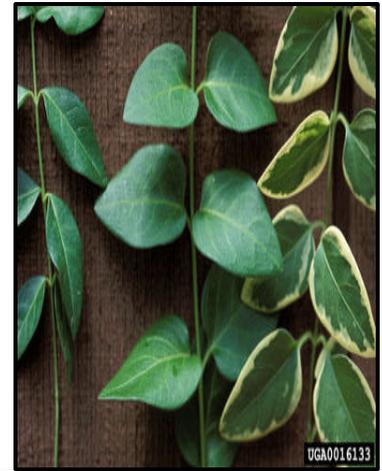
Periwinkle

Vinca major L –

Big leaf periwinkle

Vinca minor L –

Common periwinkle



Origin Of Species	
	Europe and Western Asia
Physical Description	
	Periwinkle is a creeping perennial evergreen vine that can reach up to six inches in height. Elliptical leaves, each about an inch in length, alternate along thin stems, clustering at stem terminals. Purple flowers are composed of five fused petals and can be found blooming between March and April. Fruits are inconspicuous and brown.
Habitat And Distribution	
	Periwinkle is prominent along roadsides, fields, and woods. It is prevalent throughout states in green on the map below.
Negative Impacts	
	Periwinkle is often planted as an ornamental groundcover, but shallow, trailing roots allow it to invade other areas, dominating substrate and thus water and nutrients.
Control	
	Manually dig out vinca when feasible; plan to remove re-growth. If digging is not feasible, cut to the ground and treat re-growth with glyphosate herbicide.



Reference:

<http://plants.usda.gov>

www.invasive.org/

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