Variegated Creeping Inchplant

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Variegated Creeping Inchplant foliage
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Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 8 inches

Spread: 8 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Inch Plant, Turtle Vine

Description:

This selection is an excellent plant for borders, rock gardens, and massed as groundcover; foliage is attractively variegated with pink and cream; dainty white flowers accented with bright yellow stamens in late spring or early summer

Ornamental Features

Variegated Creeping Inchplant features dainty clusters of white flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to early summer. Its attractive small glossy oval leaves remain green in color with showy pink variegation and tinges of creamy white throughout the season. The deep purple stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Variegated Creeping Inchplant is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Variegated Creeping Inchplant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Variegated Creeping Inchplant will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 8 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 8 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen! As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

This plant does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Variegated Creeping Inchplant is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.