

## Ruscus hypoglossum - Plant

Butcher s-broom, mouse thorn and horse tongue lily

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## Description for Ruscus hypoglossum

**Plant height:** 3 - 6 inches (7 - 16 cm)

**Plant spread:**

Ruscus hypoglossum is a small evergreen shrub with a native range from Italy north to Austria and Slovakia and east to Turkey and Crimea. Common names include spineless butcher s-broom, mouse thorn and horse tongue lily.

**Common name(s):** Butcher s-broom, mouse thorn and horse tongue lily

**Flower colours:** White

**Bloom time:** April to May

**Max reachable height:** 2.00 to 3.00 feet

**Difficulty to grow:** Easy to grow

## Planting and care

Large rose canes can be cut back by as much as two thirds, and smaller ones to within 6 to 12 inches of the ground. When you transplant your plants, be sure to dig a much bigger hole than you think you need and add plenty of organic matter such as compost or aged manure.

**Sunlight:** Part shade to full shade

**Soil:** Well-drained soil

**Water:** Medium

**Temperature:** 20 to 40 degrees C

**Fertilizer:** Apply any organic fertilizer

## Caring for *Ruscus hypoglossum*

Do not prune plants in the fall. Simply cut off any dead or diseased canes. Stop fertilizing 6 weeks before the first frost but continue watering during dry autumn weather to help keep plants fortified during the dry winter. Mound, mulch, or add compost after a few frosts but before the ground freezes.

## Typical uses of *Ruscus hypoglossum*

**Special features:** Small evergreen shrub noted for growing in dense shade. Woodland gardens. Foundations. Hedge.

**Ornamental use:** The plant is used for ornamental purpose.

**Medicinal use:** *Ruscus aculeatus* is an herb commonly referred to as Butcher s Broom due to its hard roots and (supposed) antibacterial properties being traditionally used to clean the cutting boards of butchers. It also holds traditional medicinal uses, which mainly focus around improving blood flow in the veins by contracting them.

## References

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