

## Ground-Ivy - Plant



Ground-Ivy (*G. hederacea*) is a vigorously spreading, mat-forming evergreen perennial, creeping by prostrate stolons.

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Description

## Description for Ground-Ivy

*Glechoma hederacea* is an aromatic, perennial, evergreen creeper of the mint family Lamiaceae. Ground Ivy is one of the commonest plants, flourishing upon sunny hedge banks and waste ground.

The root is perennial, throwing out long, trailing, unbranched square stems, which root at intervals and bear numerous, kidney-shaped leaves of a dark green tint, somewhat downy with many-celled hairs, and having regular, rounded indentations on the margins. The leaves are stalked and opposite to one another, the undersides paler and dotted with glands.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Ground ivy, ale gill	Bright purplish blue, with small white spots on the lower lip	May to June	0.25 to 0.50 feet	Easy to grow

## Planting and care

Ivy growing in full sun tends to winter-burn, so it is particularly important to have them planted in the shade in Zones 4-7 where winters are very cold.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Part shade to full shade	Sand, Clay, Chalk, Loam, well-drained soil	Medium	-10 degrees F	Apply any organic fertilizer.

## Caring for Ground

- As a ground cover plant, Ivy is invaluable because of its ability to discourage soil erosion.
- As the Ivy vine grows, it sets roots into the soil deeply and densely, and creates a network of roots which binds the soil, helping to prevent erosion and slippage on slopes.

- Ivy has the ability to climb almost any vertical surface, clinging by means of aerial roots.

## Typical uses of Ground

**Special features:** Ground cover for shade gardens, woodland gardens or shady border areas.

**Culinary use:** NA

**Medicinal use:** Diuretic, astringent, tonic and gently stimulant. Useful in kidney diseases and for indigestion.  
Note: Please consult your health expert.

## References

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