

Plants of the Month: April

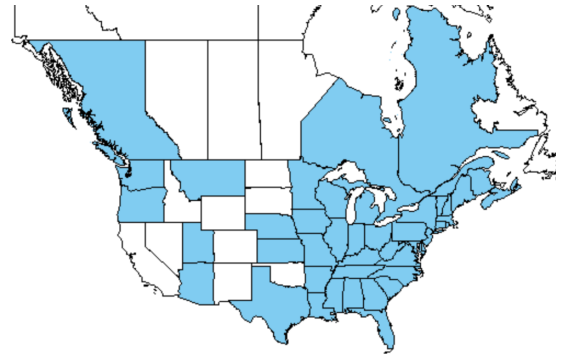
Vinca



Vinca minor

a.k.a. common periwinkle

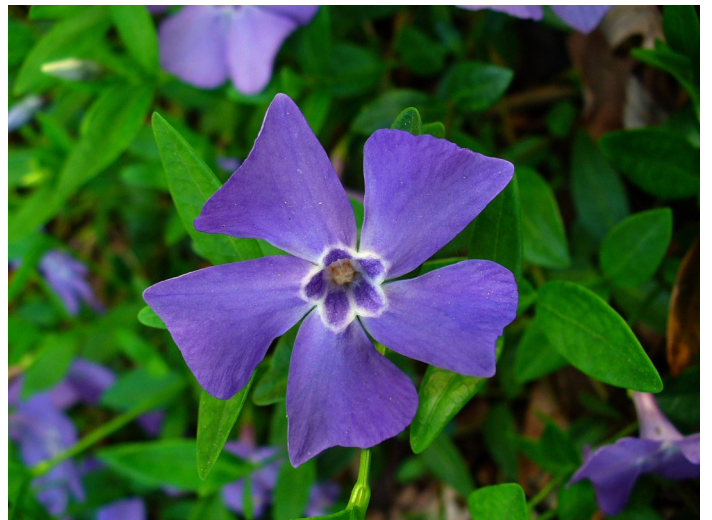
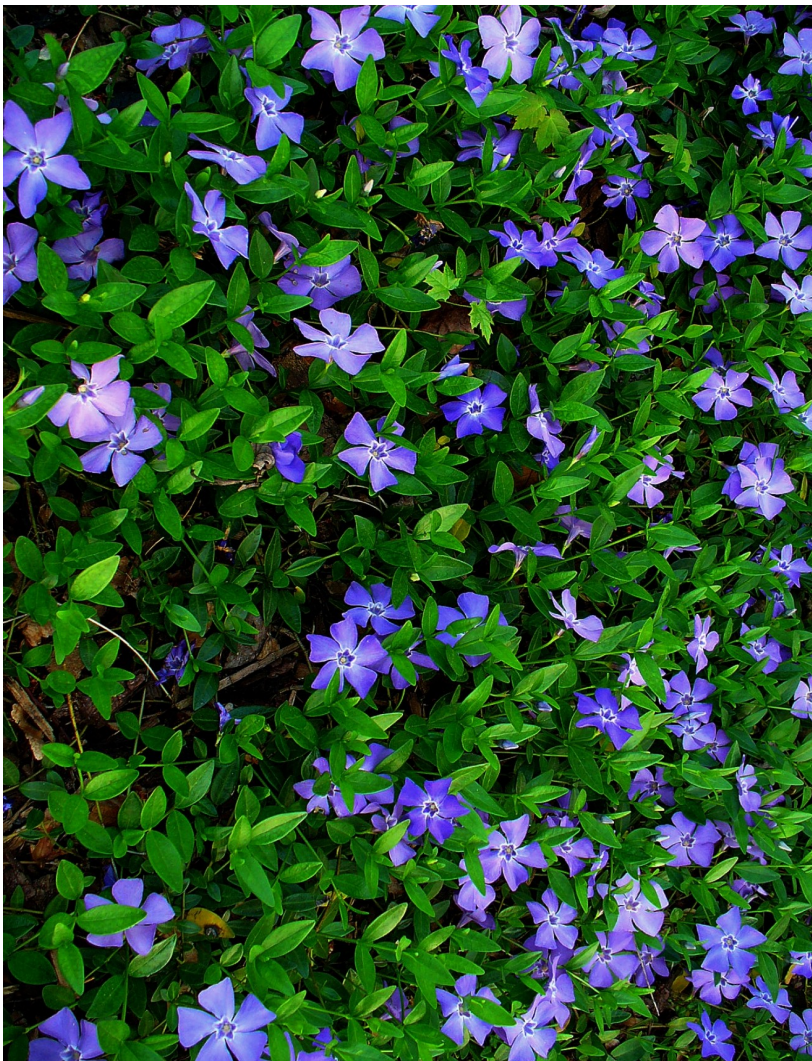
Non-native, evergreen, ground cover



Leaves: Glossy green, oval, taper to a point. Green all year round.

Flowers: Usually purple, sometimes white. 5 petaled. Lots in spring, some all year round.

Grows as ground cover—spreads out along the ground. Often in shady areas.



Uses: Ornamental. Used to make vincristine, a chemotherapy medication used to treat cancer.