Vinca

Vinca x ‘First Kiss Pure White’

The perennial periwinkle, also known as vinca, should not be confused with the bedding plant, Madagascar periwinkle (Catharanthus roseus). These heat-tolerant flowering plants can add a nice pop of color in the summer. Once established, water these Florida-Friendly plants only as needed. Vincas like to be kept on the dry side and the roots will rot if irrigated too frequently. Although they’re officially considered perennials, vincas rarely thrive beyond a summer, due to frost or fungal disease.

**Type:** perennial sometimes treated as annual

**USDA hardiness zones:** 4 through 12

**Uses:** specimen; border; mass planting; container; groundcover

**Origin:** not native to Florida

**Height:** 7 to 24 inches  
**Spread:** 1 to 5 feet

**Plant spacing:** 12 to 24 inches

**Light requirement:** full sun to full shade

**Soil tolerances:** well drained; acidic; sand; loam; clay

**Drought tolerance:** moderate

**Soil salt tolerances:** low to none

**Invasive potential:** not considered aggressive

**Pest resistance:** suffers from several disease problems

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