

Santa Rosa County Cooperative Extension  
Teaching and Demonstration Gardens

# Oblongleaf Twinflower

*Dyschoriste oblongifolia*

*Dyschoriste oblongifolia* is a rounded plant that attains a height of 6 to 12 inches. It is commonly used in the landscape as a ground cover and has pretty flowers that are quite striking when closely observed. Twinflower, as the name implies, has paired lavender flowers that occur throughout the year; the heaviest bloom is in May. These plants have a relatively open habit and should be closely spaced in order to cover an area effectively.

**Type:** herbaceous groundcover

**USDA hardiness zones:** zones 8 through 11

**Uses:** ground cover

**Origin:** native to Florida

**Height:** 6 to 12 inches **Spread:** depends on supporting structure

**Plant spacing:** 24-26 inches

**Light requirement:** Part shade/part sun

**Soil tolerances:** acidic; sand; slightly alkaline; loam; clay

**Drought tolerance:** high

**Soil salt tolerances:** poor

**Invasive potential:** not known to be invasive

**Pest resistance:** no serious pests are normally seen on the plant

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