

# Twinflower

## *Dyschoriste oblongifolia*

Twinflower is commonly used in the landscape as a ground cover and has pretty flowers that are quite striking when closely observed. These plants have a relatively open habit and should be closely spaced in order to cover an area effectively. The Twinflower will grow well on acidic, well-drained, sandy soils and prefers a sunny or partially shaded location in the landscape. Twinflower, as the name implies, has paired lavender flowers that occur throughout the year; the heaviest bloom is in May. This ground cover is native to pineland areas in the southeastern United States and will tolerate considerable drought.

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INFORMATION**

**Type:** perennial herbaceous

**USDA hardiness zones:** 8 through 11

**Uses:** ground cover

**Origin:** native to Florida

**Height:** 6 to 12 inches

**Spread:** depends upon supporting structure

**Plant spacing:** 24 to 36 inches

**Light requirement:** part sun to part shade

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

**Drought tolerance:** high

**Soil salt tolerances:** poor

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

**Pest resistance:** no serious pest or diseases



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