

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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A collection for observation and reference. Detailed explanations to help you make care decisions suited to your plant and its position.

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical name	Vinca minor 'Alba'
Delivery size	Each 9 cm pot · about 10–25 cm total height including pot · quantity according to selection
Growth	Evergreen low groundcover with long thin stems rooting at soil contact
Expected height	Low carpet-forming; flowering stems may reach a few decimetres, RHS gives 0.1–0.5 m height. Established stands may cover 1–1.5 m width
Flowering	Mainly spring; further individual flowers possible into early autumn, no continuous abundance promised
Flower colour	White with a pale greenish–yellow centre; current delivery plants need not flower
Planting time	Preferably spring or early autumn in frost-free workable soil; avoid heat and waterlogging
Spacing	25–30 cm as shop guidance for groups; also plan runners and accessible edges

Care at a glance

Observe, check and adapt care to the position and season. This table provides guidance for everyday practice.

Topic	What to do	Why it helps
Position	Choose partial shade or shade; sun only with suitable soil moisture.	Strong root competition may dry a young rootball even under trees.
Arrival	Check rootball and gently loosen thin stems.	Long stems may become tangled in transit.
Soil	Prepare humus-rich permeable soil and avoid constant wetness.	The root zone should retain moisture while also receiving air.
Planting	Set at the previous level and slowly water thoroughly.	Moisture and soil contact support new root growth.
Spacing	Use 25–30 cm as group guidance and leave an accessible edge.	Lateral runners later occupy more space.
Water	Check inside the rootball during establishment; continue in long dry spells.	An older stand and a fresh potted plant have different reserves.
Feeding	In good soil, supply sparingly according to need.	More fertiliser replaces neither water nor missing root room.
Boundaries	Remove unwanted stems with their rooted sections.	Cut-off, already rooted pieces may keep growing.
Winter and checks	Protect containers and check brown stem parts and rootball moisture.	Evergreen describes growth habit, not protection against all weather damage.

Knowledge that grows

White flowers between small glossy leaves

Alba is a white-flowered selection of lesser periwinkle. Its individual flowers have five white, slightly twisted-looking lobes and a pale centre. Opposite small green leaves sit on thin stems; edges are smooth and surfaces glossy. The strongest flower display is in spring. Further individual flowers may appear later without the whole carpet flowering white constantly. Plan a low green stand with a pronounced white spring phase. Current delivery is a young plant whose flowers depend on cultivation and season.

Gently untangle long young stems

The offer includes single plants and sets of six or twelve plants in 9 cm pots. Approximate total height of 10–25 cm includes the pot. Thin runners may extend farther sideways even though the plant looks low overall. After unpacking, check the rootball first and gently loosen crossing stems. Do not pull one stem to strip the pot off. Hold soil and gently remove the container. Roots first need to explore their new site. A dense green carpet and the flower abundance of an established area do not happen on the first planting day.

A shaded area is not automatically moist

Partial shade and shade work well for lesser periwinkle. Sun is possible too with sufficient soil moisture. Under trees, check how much water their roots draw from soil. A cool-looking shady place may be very dry for a small rootball. Humus-rich permeable soil that holds moisture makes starting easier. Continuously wet areas are unsuitable. With pale flowers the plant may brighten darker garden spots, but care cannot be inferred solely from apparent light levels. Check rain access and moisture at several points before planting.

Prepare planting sites and boundaries together

The shop gives approximately 25–30 cm spacing for a group. Lay pots out before planting. An accessible edge later helps remove stems beside paths and among small neighbouring perennials in time. Plant in spring or early autumn in frost-free soil. Slowly moisten a dry rootball first, plant at its previous level and water in. Soil should make good contact. Gently spread long young stems without pulling them taut. Older side shoots may root on soil, so the intended bed boundary remains a care task.

Encourage establishment, distinguish drought situations

Check newly planted plants directly in their rootballs. If dry, water slowly so their centres also receive moisture. Several small surface doses under trees may miss the actual root zone. An established stand copes temporarily with drier conditions. That does not mean unchanged flower abundance or a permanently maintenance-free area. Continue checking longer dry spells and new plantings. Good humus-rich soil usually needs no constant strong fertilisation. When growth weakens, check moisture, root competition and plant condition first. An outdoor container needs free drainage and regular moisture checks.

Attend to runners and dense old areas in time

Where a stem lies outside the intended area, follow it to its rooting point. Simply cutting at the edge leaves an already rooted segment alongside. Remove unwanted pieces with their roots. Small gaps may be closed with healthy rooted sections; the white selection is maintained vegetatively. Very old or confusingly matted areas may be cut back selectively after main flowering. Then observe new stems and moisture. Remove old leaf remains and conspicuously diseased shoots. An airy accessible planting makes work easier than a continually neglected dense carpet.

Look at leaves beyond flowering too

Evergreen foliage keeps the stand visible over many months, although individual old leaves are replaced. Dry winter wind, sun over frozen ground and an exposed small container may damage leaves. Check moisture in frost-free weather; keep containers sheltered with free drainage. If larger areas suddenly brown or wilt despite wet soil, inspect stem bases and roots too. Healthy green foliage and the familiar white flowers help observe the selection. Plant parts are not eaten; wear gloves for planting and pruning.

Pictures and details

Images and descriptions from this portrait. Decorative items are not included in the offer.



Unchanged clean original shop view. Young single plant in black nursery pot. Delivery size reference: each 9 cm pot · about 10–25 cm total height including pot · quantity according to selection.



AI-created flower detail based on the original shop image. Example of a later flowering phase; current delivery plant need not flower. Surroundings and accessories not included.

Good to know

Does Alba really flower white?

Yes, the selection is evidenced as white-flowered lesser periwinkle. The original flower view shows five white lobes and a pale centre.

Does the delivered pot flower immediately?

This is not promised. Main flowering is in spring; the young delivery may initially show only green stems.

How tall does the carpet grow?

Stems stay generally low; flowering areas may reach a few decimetres. Stated delivery height including pot must be distinguished from this.

Why do individual stems reach so far beyond the pot?

Lesser periwinkle forms thin lateral stems. Later soil contact may let them root and occupy additional ground.

Is cutting once beside the path enough?

Already rooted pieces may remain beyond the cut. Follow unwanted stems and remove them with their roots.

Can a shady position work without watering?

Fresh plants need checked rootball moisture. Under trees, soil may be particularly dry despite shade.

Can I maintain the white selection from seed?

For a reliably matching white selection, use healthy rooted stem sections or other vegetative propagation. Seedlings may not retain cultivar characteristics.

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