

COMMON NAME:

MYRTLE

SCIENTIFIC NAME:

VINCA MAJOR

ALSO CALLED: PERIWINKLE, BIG-LEAF PERIWINKLE, AND GREATER PERIWINKLE

FLOWER COLOR: BLUE

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT: AT TOPS OF UPWARD SHOOTS

FLOWERING TIME: MARCH TO AUGUST

LEAVES: LIKE LONG POINTED TONGUES

NORMAL SIZE: TRAILING BUT UPWARD SHOOTS REACH 12" TO 24"

NORMAL ELEVATION: 3000' TO 6000'

HABITATION: STREAM BANKS

ABUNDANCE: RARE

NOTABLE DETAILS: HERBACEOUS TRAILING PLANT SPROUTING FROM ROOT SYSTEM IN LARGE PATCHES WITH POINTED TONGUE-SHAPED LEAVES AND LARGE BLUE FLOWERS

SPECIAL INTEREST: FOREIGN BUT WIDE SPREAD AND SURVIVES WELL IN THE WILD