

SPECIES COMMON NAME ORIGIN DESIGN USE Liriope spicata Creeping Liriope China and Vietnam Erosion-prevention and weed control



HEIGHT 8–12 inches

SPREAD 6–12 inches

HABIT

Evergreen and are vigorous growers, to the point of being considered invasive plants.

FORM Grasslike, spreading clumps

FLOWERS

Spike-like cluster of pale violet to white flowers, somewhat hidden among the leaves in late summer.

FLOWERING PERIOD

Mid to late summer

FRUIT

In autumn, it bears a blue-black berrylike fruit.

VARIATIONS

"Silver Dragon" (highly variegated green and white leaves) "Franklin Mint" (leaves are a little wider than 'Silver Dragons' with pale lavender flower spikes)

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Very tolerant of adverse conditions and is drought tolerant. Creeping lilyturf is suitable for USDA zones 4 to 10.

HORTICULTURE

Can be grown in partial shade, although it doubles as a sun-plant. It profits from water, but as long as you plant Liriope spicata in partial shade, it will tolerate drier conditions. Either way, it needs well-drained soil. Minimal maintenance is required.

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