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SPECIES	<i>Setcreasea purpurea</i>
COMMON NAME	Purple heart, Purple wanderer
ORIGIN	Gulf Coast Region of Mexico
DESIGN USE	Groundcover or in containers or hanging baskets



HEIGHT

0.2-4m

SPREAD

0.5-1m

HABIT

Prostrate trailing plant.

FLOWERS

Bearing small, sterile three-petaled flowers of white, pink or purple..

FLOWERING PERIOD

May to November

VARIATIONS

Tradescantia pallida is the new name for this plant.

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Purple heart can tolerate a touch of frost, but it appreciates a blanket on cold winter nights. It will usually come back from the roots after a moderate freeze.

HORTICULTURE

Provide moist soil in part to full sun. Pinch to encourage bushiness and cut back flowering stems after blooming. Water moderately and fertilize monthly during active growth. To propagate, Insert 2- to 3-inch-long stem-tip cuttings in soil mix or water and pot up in soil-based mix.

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