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## AJUGA reptans—"Carpet Bugle"

Creeping, dark green leaves, showy spring bloom of blue flowers, should be mowed, after bloom. Best in shade, but thrives in sun if watered thoroughly. Some traffic. Plant 6"-12" apart. Grows 2"-3" in sun, 3"-4" in shade. Hardy.

## AJUGA reptans atropurpurea—"Bronze Ajuga"

Has bronze leaves, blue flowers. Splendid for contrast. Minimum traffic. Plant 6"-12" apart. Grows 2"-13" in sun, 3"-4" in shade. Hardy.

## AJUGA reptans var. variegata—"Variegated Ajuga"

Leaves are colored and edged with creamy white, blue flowers. Best in shade. Minimum traffic. Plant 6"-12" apart. Grows 2" high. Hardy.

## AJUGA crispa—"Giant Ajuga"



Leaves have a metallic quality, are larger than Ajuga reptans, more vigorous, firm and edges more crispy, blue flowers. Green in the shade and more bronze in the sun. Some traffic. Plant 12"-18" apart. Grows 6" in sun, 6"-9" in shade. Hardy.

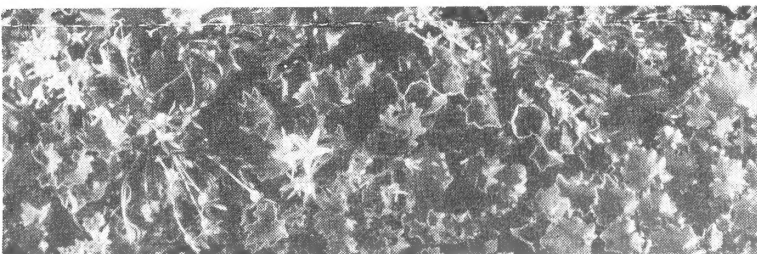
## ARMERIA vulgaris—"Sea Pink"

Grows in grassy clumps forming a thick mat. Most pink flowers in spring, prefers a well-drained soil, good along the coast, full sun. Minimum traffic. Plant 6"-12" apart. Grows 3"-6" high. Very hardy.

## ARENERIA verna caespitosa—"Irish Moss"

Compact moss-like foliage—needs more moisture than lawn, gets lumpy if crowded. Good between stepping stones and in rockeries. Takes some traffic. Plant 6" apart. Prefers partial shade, but will take sun if enough moisture is supplied. Grows 3"-4" high. Takes frost.

## CAMPANULA garganica

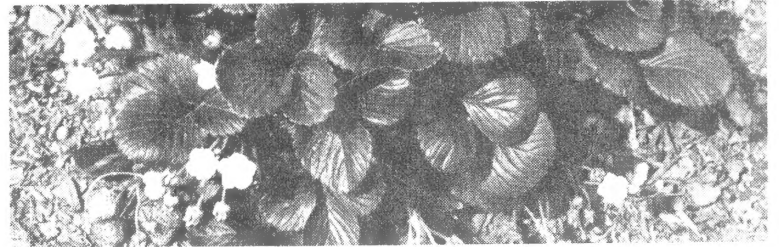


A very attractive low-growing (3"-6") ground cover for that sun or semi-shade garden, or for use between stepping stones in those areas. The blue, star shaped flowers cover the plants in summer and fall, thus creating something cool in the heat of the summer. No traffic. Plant 6"-12" apart. Hardy.

## FRAGARIA chiloensis—"Wild Strawberry"

Low, compact, lush evergreen mat of thick glossy dark green strawberry leaves with rapid spreading rooting runners. Large 1" white flowers in spring make a nice carpet. Grows to 6"-8" high, but will form a thicker mat if mowed several times a year. Do not use in extremely hot areas. Needs regular watering to look attractive. Iron sulphate applications counteract yellow leaves that sometimes appears in late summer. Some traffic. Plant 12"-14" apart. Sun on coast, part shade inland. Very hardy.

## HYBRID ORNAMENTAL STRAWBERRY #25



A new introduction, developed and tested in Southern California. This is a more vigorous plant, larger in all its parts than FRAGARIA chiloensis, and in addition produces dessert quality fruit for the home. It is well adaptable to most soils, but sandy loam seems best. The fruit is a little too soft and fragile for packing or shipping, but makes delicious eating. The growth not only being vigorous, is very luxuriant and rapid growing. Spacing for planting is best at 18"-24", apart, covers an area very quickly. No traffic. Sun, part shade in desert areas. Grows 8"-12" high. Cut back once per year and thin for more berries. Very hardy.

## FESTUCA ovina glauca—"Blue Fescue"

A blue, very ornamental grass, growing in tufts 6"-10" high. Will not take wet, poorly drained soil. Sun, good for contrast. No traffic, plant 6"-12" apart. Ideally used in contemporary plantings. Very hardy.

## GAZANIA (splendens) (auranticum) "South African Daisy"

A permanent bedding or border plant. Makes a fine low mat of green foliage out of which extend colorful daisy-like flowers which are available in yellow, white, and orange. No traffic, plant 12" apart. Adaptable to dry soil conditions. Grows 8"-12" high. Half hardy.

## GAZANIA—"Copper King"

Immense bronze red flowers and grey green foliage make this prolific blooming plant an ideal border or bedding plant. Most colorful of all gazanias. Sun. No traffic, plant 12" apart. Grows 8"-12" high. Half hardy.

## HEDERA helix Hahnii—"Hahns Ivy"

Ideally used where ground patterns are desired. Forms a softer effect than the species and can be confined more readily. No traffic. Can be planted 12"-24" apart. Needs shade in hotter areas, can take more sun in coastal areas. Grows 8"-12" high. Very hardy.

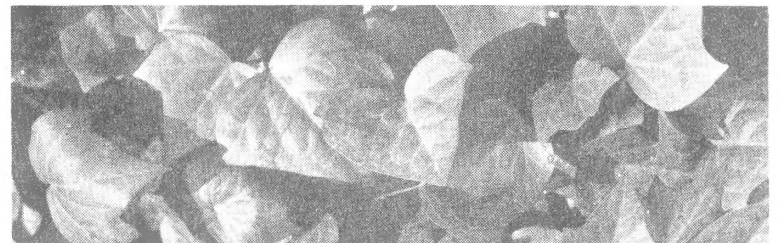
## HEDERA helix—"Needle Point"

A much smaller leafed form of Hahns Ivy. With pointed leaves and a more miniature growth. Ideal for that small shade or semi-shaded area where your area is limited. No traffic, plant 12"-18" apart. Grows 8" high. Window boxes. Very hardy.

## HEDERA helix—"English Ivy"

Ideal for covering large areas, or large borders. Once established covers rapidly. With sun ample moisture needed, shade ideal. Dark green leaves. Very hardy in our areas. No traffic, plant 12"-24" apart. Grows 12" high. Very hardy.

## Hedera canariensis—"Canary Island Ivy" (Algerian)



Large bright glossy green 6" leaves widely spaced on the stem. Prefers sun and heat. Once established grows rapidly. No traffic. Plant 15"-18" apart. Grows 12"-15" high. Very hardy.

## CAMPANULA porschskyana—"Serbian Bellflower"

Tufted, but more spreading than garganica. More informal growth, with lavender bloom. Effective filler in shade, in rock garden use or in shade garden. No traffic, plant 6"-12" apart. Grows 4"-6" high. Hardy.

### **HEDERA canariensis—"var. variegate"**

Has leaves edged with yellowish white. This type seems to prefer a little more shade in the hotter areas. No traffic. Plant 15"-18" apart. Grows 12"-15" high.

### **HELEXINE soleirolii—"Baby Tears or Angels Tears"**

A light green mossy mat in shade and moisture. Will not tolerate hot sun. Is a cool uxuriant cover among ferns and other shade plants. No traffic. Plant 12"-15" apart. Grows 3"-6" high. Tender.

### **HYPERICUM calycinum—"Aarons Beard"**

Has a strong invasive root system which spreads by underground runners, very strong in the sun, but more controlled in the shade. Very good for steep banks. Yellow flowers in summer. No traffic, plant 12"-15" apart. Grows 12"-15" high. Hardy.

### **LANTANA montevidensis sellowiana "Trailing Lantana"**

Trailing, prostrate, rapid growing, free blooming with lavender bloom during the warm parts of the years. Ideal bank cover. Sun loving, prefers some moisture. No traffic, plant 18"-24" apart. Grows 18"-24" high. Half hardy.

### **LIPPIA canescans repens**

Forms a creeping flat mat, with grey green foliage. Tolerates extreme sun and heat. Is as tough in sun as Ivy is in the shade. Flowers are clustered in small, dense cushiony, one-half inch heads. Does need yearly top dressing of rich soil or humus to look its best. Ideal under clothes lines, in parkways. Bees are attracted so may not be too useful in playyards. Will take considerable traffic. Plant 12"-15" apart. Grows 1" high in sun, 3"-6" high in shade. Hardy.

### **LONICERA japonica halliana—"Japanese Honeysuckle"**

Hardy, vigorous, must have large areas to grow in. Grows in any soil, full sun. White flowers change to yellow. No traffic, plant 24" apart. Grows 18"-24" high. Hardy.

### **LOTUS bertholetti—"Parrots Beak"**

A trailing plant of feathery thread-like foliage in silvery sprays. The scarlet to crimson flowers make a delightful show. Needs full sun, good drainage. No traffic, plant 2-3 feet apart. Grows 18"-24" high. Half hardy.

### **MESEMBRYANTHEMUM—"Ice Plant"**



Orange, yellow, white.  
Red turning to shades of orange. Light shell pink to dark rose.  
Crimson, rose and copper. Red, purple, lavender..

A group of adaptable plants grown for soil erosion control and for their color effects. Will thrive in sterile soils. They are sun-loving, heat and drought tolerant. No traffic, full sun. Plant trailing types 12"-18" apart. Grows to 6"-15" high. Plant non-trailing about 12" apart. Grows 12"-18" high. Half hardy.

### **PELARGONIUM peltatum—"Ivy Geranium"**

Trailing plants, ideal for slope use or on level ground. Bloom of white, pink, rose, red, lavender give wonderful color and do not require too much moisture. Seem to thrive in most soils. No traffic. Plant 15"-18" apart.

### **ROSMARINUS officinalis prostratus var. lockwoodi "Dwarf Rosemary"**

Light blue flowers in April and May. Full sun and good drainage. Good on banks for draped effect. Use with Snow in summer for contrast. No traffic, plant 2 feet apart. Spreads 4-8 feet and stays under 15" high. Hardy to frost.

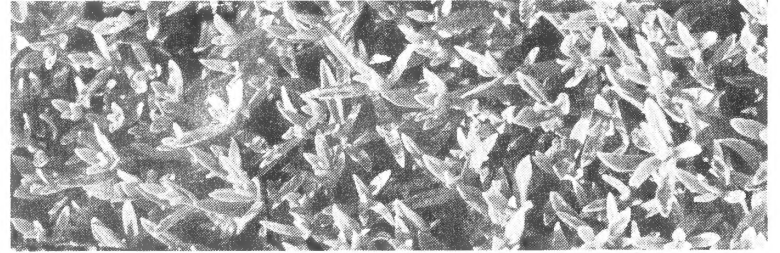
### **SEDUM dasyphyllum—"Gray stonecrop"**

Grows in low tufts, mat forming, 2" high with a soft blue color which is simple, but striking. Prefers partial shade. No traffic, plant 6"-12" apart. Half hardy.

### **SEDUM brevifolium—"Green Stonecrop"**

Makes a bright green carpet, covered in spring with heads of white and pink flowers. Needs good drainage and not too much water. Will burn in extremely hot places. No traffic. Plant 6"-12" apart. Grows 2"-3" high. Half hardy.

### **CERASTIUM tomentosum—"Snow-in-Summer"**



Prostrate perennial with soft, white grey foliage. White bloom period extends late spring into summer. Sun loving, drought resistant, thrives with little care. For good contrast use it next to dark green cover. No traffic, plant 18"-24" apart. Grows best in sun. Grows 4"-6" high. Trim at least once per year. Takes frost.

### **STENOTAPHRUM secundatum—"St. Augustine Grass"**

Similar to Bermuda grass, but more coarse in texture. A more vivid green, more easily confined. Ideal where excessive traffic is used, such as playyards or playgrounds, dog pens, clothes lines. Best in sun or part shade. Plant by root cuttings or by plugs, 12"-15" apart. Forms a mat 6" thick when mowed. Hardy.

### **VINCA major—"Periwinkle"**

Glossy medium green foliage, oval leaves, lavender-blue 1" flowers on a trailing plant. Allow plenty of room for vigorous growth. Blooms in early spring. No traffic, plant 2 feet apart. Sun or shade. Grows to 2 feet high. Very hardy.

### **VINCA minor—"Dwarf running myrtle"**

Very good for large areas. Grows close enough to keep weeds down. Blooms of blue bloom in early spring and again in the fall. If clipped, keeps a more even growth. Will take light traffic. Plant 12"-18" apart. Sun or shade. Will take a considerable variation in conditions. Grows to 6"-12" thick. Very hardy.

### **ZOYSIA tenuifolia—"Korean Grass"**

Dark green mats of hummock, sun or shade, little water and no mowing. Will take some traffic, but makes for better inter plants between stepping stones and patio effects. Plant 6"-12" apart. Grows 3"-6" high. Hardy.

### **ANNUALS and PERENNIALS Useful in Groundcover or Border Plantings**

Alyssum—Carpet of Snow—(white) sun, 6" high; Royal Carpet—(purple) sun, 6" high.  
Alyssum Saxatile—(yellow) sun, 6"-9" high.  
Coral Bells (Heuchera)—semi-shade, 6"-9" high.  
Arabis Alpinas—(white) sun, 6" high.  
English Daisy (Bellis)—sun, 6"-9" high.  
Golden Feather—(yellow foliage) sun, 8"-12" high.  
Iberis Sempervirens—(white) sun, 6"-9" high.  
Lobelia—(blue) sun, 6"-8" high.  
Verbenas—(seedlings) sun, 8"-12" high; (cuttings) sun, 8"-12" high.  
Violets—shade, sun, 8"-12" high.

### **ADDITIONAL GROUND COVERS for Special Effects**

Arrhenatherum elatius var tuberosum (Rattlesnake grass)—variegated foliage—8"-12" high, sun, shade.  
Asparagus Sprengeri—Yellow green fern foliage—12"-18" high, sun, shade.  
Euonymus Radicans—Green and fall colored foliage—12"-18" high, sun.  
Nepeta hederacea—Green, low 2"-3", turf cover, sun.  
Santolina Chamaecyparissus—Grey foliage, drought resistant—15"-20" high, sun.  
Saxifraga tomentosum—Varicolored leaf—6"-12" high, shade.

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