

Convallaria majalis

(lily of the valley, May lily)

May lily is a sweetly scented perennial that is highly poisonous with green leaves that turn yellow in the winter and white or pink flowers that attract bees. The apparently single-stemmed plants are frequently connected together by an extensive rhizome (horizontal underground stems) system to form huge, long-lived colonies. As a cut flower, lily-of-the-valley has a very short shelf life, and so is usually purchased from wholesalers with the roots still attached.

'Albostriata' has white-striped leaves. 'Rosea' has pink flowers.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

<b>Pronunciation:</b> kon-vuh-LAIR-ee-uh muh-JAY-liss
<b>Plant Type:</b>
<b>Origin:</b> northern Europe and Asia
<b>Heat Zones:</b> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
<b>Hardiness Zones:</b> 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
<b>Uses:</b> Container, Erosion control, Cut Flowers / Arrangements, Ground cover, Water/Rain Garden
<b>Size/Shape</b>
<b>Growth Rate:</b> Moderate
<b>Tree Shape:</b> Spreading, Upright
<b>Canopy Symmetry:</b> Irregular
<b>Canopy Texture:</b> Medium
<b>Height at Maturity:</b> Less than 0.5 m
<b>Spread at Maturity:</b> Less than 50 cm
<b>Time to Ultimate Height:</b> 2 to 5 Years

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Flower Image

**Botanical Description**

**Foliage**

- Leaf Venation: Parallel
- Leaf Persistence: Deciduous
- Leaf Type: Simple
- Leaf Shape: Lanceolate
- Leaf Margins: Entire
- Leaf Textures: Smooth
- Leaf Scent:
- Color(growing season): Green
- Color(changing season): Yellow

**Flower**

- Flower Showiness: True
- Flower Size Range: 0 - 1.5
- Flower Type: Raceme
- Flower Scent: Pleasant
- Flower Color: White, Pink
- Seasons: Spring

**Fruit**

- Fruit Type: Berry
- Fruit Colors: Red
- Seasons: Summer

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Leaf Image

## Horticulture Management

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### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Part, Shade

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### Management

**Edible Parts:**

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Division



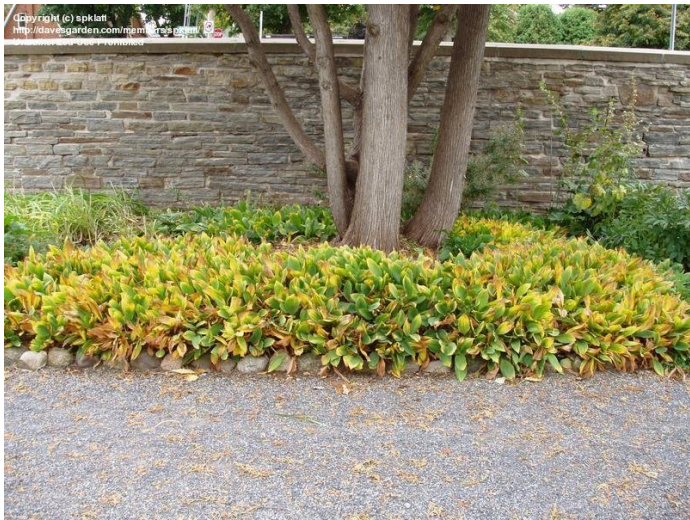
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