

Tradescantia spathacea

(Moses-in-the-cradle, Boatlily, Cradle Lily)

Cradle Lily has a spreading clumps of green and burgundy-purple leaves all year around. Small white flowers appear in the base of the leaves. used as a house plant or a ground cover in landscaping. A tough and adaptable plant for partial sun or shade. If a mild frost hits it it will reappear in the spring. In subtropical regions can act as invasive.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Plant Type:	Groundcover
Origin:	Central America
Heat Zones:	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16
Hardiness Zones:	9, 10, 11, 12, 13
Uses:	Border Plant, Mass Planting, Indoor, Shade, Ground cover
Size/Shape	
Growth Rate:	Fast
Tree Shape:	
Height at Maturity:	Less than 0.5 m
Spread at Maturity:	Less than 50 cm
Time to Ultimate Height:	2 to 5 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Parallel

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Lanceolate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Fleshy/Juicy, Medium

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green, Red, Purple

Color(changing season): Green, Red, Purple

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Type: Cyme

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: White

Seasons: Year Round

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Part, Shade

Management

Toxity: No

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Division

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