

## 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

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## 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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Leaf Image

### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam, Sand

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

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Part, Shade

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#### 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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