

Pachysandra

procumbens

North American Native



Pachysandra (pa-kis-an-dra) From the Greek *pachy*, thick, and *andros*, male, referring to the thick stamens of the male flower.

procumbens (pro-kum-benz) meaning prostrate.



Zones: 5 – 9 **Flower Color:** White **Height:** 6 – 12”
Spacing: 18”



About the Species:



Common Name: Allegheny Spurge

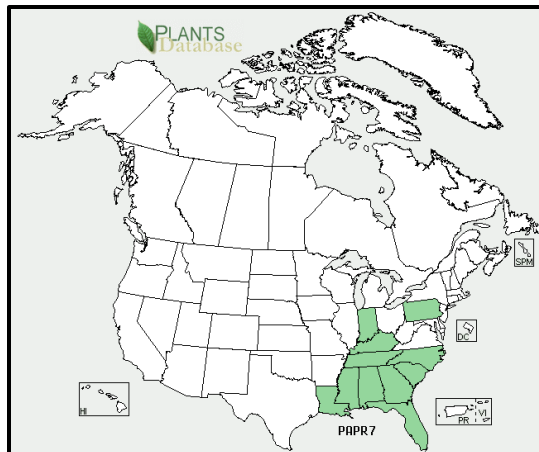
Family: Buxaceae

Bright green foliage of this native *Pachysandra* emerges upright 6-12” in spring complimented by fragrant, bottlebrush-like white flowers on 2-4” long spikes. Foliage matures to a pewter-green that is coarsely toothed and mottled, and becomes prostrate.

Habitat: Allegheny spurge is native to parts of the Allegheny Mountains, which forms the western part of the Appalachians. It is rare to find but can be found growing in rich woods with a limestone substrate. Endangered in Florida and Indiana.

A better groundcover

Need a good groundcover that will fill up space, be interesting to look at, is a native, and smells good? *Pachysandra procumbens* is the plant for you! Don't let the name, *Pachysandra* scare you. This one is wonderful for edging, covering ground, and being carefree. Unlike its Japanese cousin, *procumbens* is clump forming with interesting mottled foliage. The white, fragrant flowers are surrounded by upright leaves in spring, making a very delightful display.



In the Garden: Plant in part to full shade in moist humus-rich soil. The plants will look their best if old foliage is removed in early spring. Use as groundcover or massed.

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