

# Spiderwort

(*Tradescantia virginiana* 'Concord Grape')

Spiderwort 'Concord Grape' is a compact, clump-forming plant which typically grows to 12" tall. It has purplish-blue (concord grape), three-petaled flowers (to 1.5" diameter) atop stiff stems. Numerous flower buds form in each cluster, but individual flowers open up only a few at a time, each for only one day, blooming in succession from May into August. Arching, iris-like, smoky, bluish-green leaves are folded lengthwise forming a groove.



**Plant Care:** It grows easily in average, medium to wet, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. It prefers moist, acidic, humus soils. It is tolerant of wet, boggy soils. Remove (deadhead) each flower cluster after all buds in the cluster have opened to extend the bloom period. As the heat of the summer sets in, the foliage tends to decline considerably and flowering slows down or stops entirely, at which point plants should be cut back hard. Cutting back plants almost to the ground will promote both new foliage growth and an additional late summer to fall bloom. Divide clumps when they become overcrowded.

**Watering:** Water often during the first 6 weeks (2 to 3 times per week). As it can tolerate fairly wet conditions, water regularly during dry periods.

## References:

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