



Spiderwort plant

Planting Tips:

This plant grows best in part shade and in moist soils. In full sun, this plant needs plenty of water.

Divide clumps in early fall or early spring. The spiderwort also germinates from seeds.

This plant spreads quickly. In ideal conditions, plants will multiply and need to be thinned.

Visitor Education Center (VEC)

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Bloom

MISSISSIPPI NATIVE: SPIDERWORT

(Tradescantia virginiana)

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Fully bloomed

Description/Season:

The blooms appear in early summer (June and July). Usually blooming occurs only until mid-morning in full sun.

Flowers are small with three petals each and six stamens. Flowers are typically a blue or purple color.

Leaves are green and sword-like, turning a deep purple along the edges.

More leaves appear on the plant than flowers.

Size:

This perennial plant can reach heights of 2 feet.

Where did it gets its name?

When stems are broken, a secretion is released that becomes silky like the web of some common arachnids.

Other Names:

Spider Lily



Blooms and leaves

Interesting Facts:

This plant's name comes from its stem secretion. There are several species of spiderwort.

Habitat:

This plant is found in various moist areas along banks, in ditches, and in gardens.



Information Sources: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, MSU Extension, Clemson.edu, USDA, and VEC Staff. Pictures taken at the VEC (Wiggins, E.J.); property of MDWFP.