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## Ground ivy (creeping Charlie)

*Glechoma hederacea* L.

### Life cycle

Prostrate, creeping perennial.

### Leaves

Opposite, kidney-shaped to rounded leaves are approximately 1 inch wide with scalloped margins, palmate veins and long leaf stalks. Damaged leaves emit a mintlike odor.

### Stems

Prostrate, creeping stolons are square in cross-section and root at the nodes to form thick patches.

### Flowers and fruit

Purplish blue, funnel-shaped flowers with two lips are found in clusters in the upper leaf axils. The upper lip has two lobes; the lower lip has three lobes. Fruit are small, brown, egg-shaped nutlets.

### Reproduction

Creeping stems and seeds.



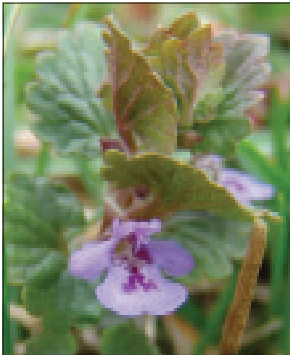
Ground ivy in a lawn.

Lamiaceae (Mint family)

## Ground ivy *continued*



Ground ivy plant with creeping stolons.



Ground ivy foliage and flower.



Ground ivy leaf.

**Lamiaceae (Mint family)**