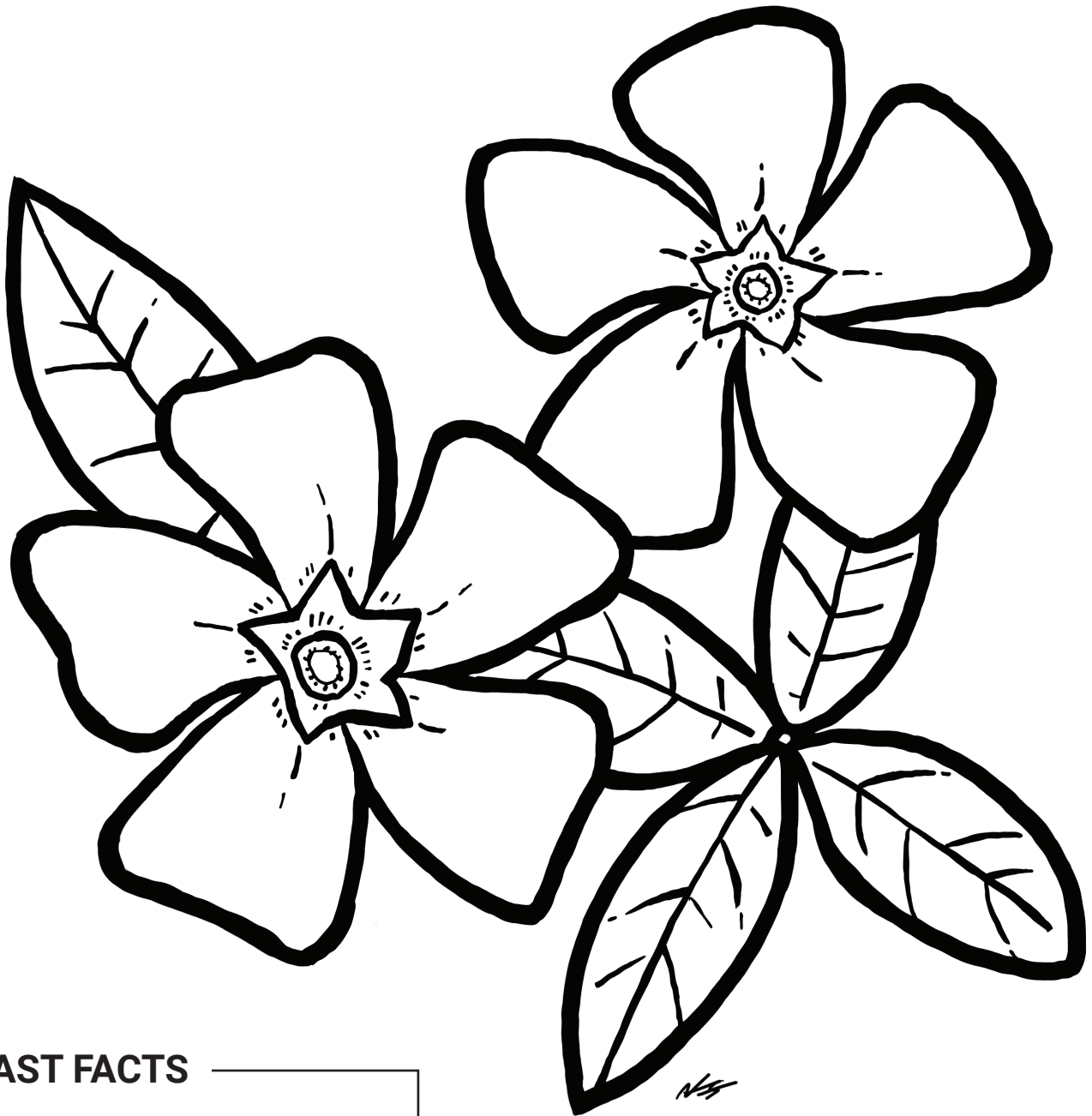


# Common periwinkle (*Vinca minor*)

INVASIVE



## FAST FACTS

- » Its evergreen leaves will stay green year-round.
- » It was introduced to North America in the 1700's as a popular garden plant.
- » When trying to spot this plant, look down, not up! They form dense mats on the ground, threatening native species.

Common periwinkle is popular among gardeners for its fast growth, dense coverage, shiny evergreen leaves, and small purple flowers. However, it has since escaped gardens across BC and has invaded nearby forests, threatening native plant species. Common periwinkle prefers shaded, moist conditions along streams and riverbanks, and on the forest floor, and spreads rapidly through its roots and stems. You can take action and prevent invasive species like Common periwinkle from spreading by being PlantWise!