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### Starcluster Trail Rose Star Flower

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# Starcluster™ Trail Rose Star Flower Pentas lanceolata 'Starcluster Trail Rose'

Plant Height: 6 inches
Flower Height: 8 inches

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Egyptian Star Flower, Star Cluster,

Starflower

Group/Class: Starcluster Series

#### **Description:**

Vibrant blooms are big, bold, and a magnet for pollinators; very heat tolerant, with a vigorous, trailing habit; ideal for stunning summer combinations

#### **Ornamental Features**

Starcluster Trail Rose Star Flower features showy corymbs of rose star-shaped flowers with white eyes at the ends of the stems from late spring to early fall. Its large textured pointy leaves remain forest green in colour throughout the year.



Starcluster Trail Rose Star Flower flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Starcluster Trail Rose Star Flower in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Starcluster Trail Rose Star Flower is a dense herbaceous annual with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Starcluster Trail Rose Star Flower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

#### **Planting & Growing**

Starcluster Trail Rose Star Flower will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 8 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Starcluster Trail Rose Star Flower is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its trailing habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.