

# Lakeshore Garden Centres

## Duchess Burgundy Torenia

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### Duchess™ Burgundy Torenia *Torenia 'Duchess Burgundy'*

Height: 8 inches

Spread: 8 inches

Spacing: 8 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Wishbone Flower

Group/Class: Duchess Series

#### Description:

A wonderful early flowering variety with a compact and uniform habit, ideal for beddings and borders; beautiful, vibrant burgundy tubular flowers with white throats stand out against mounded green foliage; a good choice for sunny or shaded gardens

#### Ornamental Features

Duchess Burgundy Torenia features showy burgundy tubular flowers with white overtones and a yellow flare held atop the stems from late spring to early fall. Its small fragrant pointy leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Duchess Burgundy Torenia is an herbaceous annual with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting bees and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Duchess Burgundy Torenia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



*Duchess Burgundy Torenia flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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### Planting & Growing

Duchess Burgundy Torenia will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 8 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

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. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.

Duchess Burgundy Torenia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.