## **Stonegate Gardens**

### **Pinwheel Periwinkle Blue Daisy**

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# Pinwheel Periwinkle Blue Daisy Felicia amelloides 'Pinwheel Periwinkle'

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Blue Marguerite, Kingfisher Daisy, Blue Felicia

#### **Description:**

Covered with small daisy-like flowers throughout the summer and fall this sub-shrub is generally grown as an annual in cooler areas, but will form a shrubby spreading habit in its growth zones; wonderful along walkways, or in containers

#### **Ornamental Features**

Pinwheel Periwinkle Blue Daisy has masses of beautiful powder blue daisy flowers with yellow eyes rising above the foliage from early spring to early fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its glossy oval leaves remain green in color throughout the year.



Pinwheel Periwinkle Blue Daisy flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Pinwheel Periwinkle Blue Daisy is a multi-stemmed annual with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Pinwheel Periwinkle Blue Daisy is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

#### **Planting & Growing**

Pinwheel Periwinkle Blue Daisy will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. 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.

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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 type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Pinwheel Periwinkle Blue Daisy is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.