## **Stonegate Gardens**

### **Cinderella Blue Lisianthus**

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Cinderella Blue Lisianthus Eustoma grandiflorum 'Cinderella Blue'

Height: 18 inches Spread: 12 inches Spacing: 8 inches Sunlight: **O O** 

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Cinderella Series

#### **Description:**

A lovely variety producing elegant, cup shaped, violet blue flowers; pinch young plants to encourage branching; great for containers or garden beds

#### **Ornamental Features**

Cinderella Blue Lisianthus features showy violet cup-shaped flowers with blue overtones at the ends of the stems from early to late summer, which emerge from distinctive blue flower buds. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Cinderella Blue Lisianthus is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Cinderella Blue Lisianthus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

#### **Planting & Growing**

Cinderella Blue Lisianthus will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 8 inches apart. 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.



Cinderella Blue Lisianthus flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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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 highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Cinderella Blue Lisianthus is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger 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.