# **Stonegate Gardens**

### **FotoFinish Blue Petunia**

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### FotoFinish™ Blue Petunia Petunia 'FotoFinish Blue'

Height: 14 inches Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: O 0

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: FotoFinish Series

#### **Description:**

This beautiful variety features lovely indigo blooms; early flowering with a uniform spreading habit, ideal for hanging baskets, patio containers and garden landscapes; attracts pollinators; deadhead to encourage new growth



FotoFinish Blue Petunia flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

FotoFinish Blue Petunia is clothed in stunning indigo trumpet-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from mid spring to mid fall. Its tomentose pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

FotoFinish Blue Petunia is a dense herbaceous annual with a ground-hugging 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. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies 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.

FotoFinish Blue Petunia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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#### **Planting & Growing**

FotoFinish Blue Petunia will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. 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 prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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 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.

FotoFinish Blue Petunia 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 spreading 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.