## **Stonegate Gardens**

### Hot+ Blue with Eye Lobelia

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# Hot+ Blue with Eye Lobelia Lobelia 'Hot Plus Blue with Eye'

Hardiness Zone: (annual)
Group/Class: Hot+ Series

#### **Description:**

A wonderful heat tolerant and uniform series, showing excellent performance in garden beds and containers; heavy basal branching and long season flowering; larger, brighter and more vibrant blooms are presented over small green foliage



Hot+ Blue with Eye Lobelia flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Hot+ Blue with Eye Lobelia is covered in stunning blue flowers with white eyes at the ends of the stems from early spring to early fall. Its narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Hot+ Blue with Eye Lobelia is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Hot+ Blue with Eye Lobelia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

#### **Planting & Growing**

Hot+ Blue with Eye Lobelia will grow to be about 12 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 12 inches apart. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

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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. 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. 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.

Hot+ Blue with Eye Lobelia 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 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.