# **Stonegate Gardens**

## **Suntory Trailing Blue with Eye Lobelia**

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# Suntory® Trailing Blue with Eye Lobelia

Lobelia 'Suntory Trailing Blue with Eye'

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Suntory Trailing Series

## **Description:**

Weather tolerant and early flowering, this series features a mounded habit with trailing tendencies, ideal for hanging baskets and containers; lovely vibrant colored blooms over green foliage show excellent summer performance and long lasting color

#### **Ornamental Features**

Suntory Trailing Blue with Eye Lobelia features dainty blue flowers with white eyes at the ends of the stems from late spring to early fall. Its pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

## **Landscape Attributes**

Suntory Trailing Blue with Eye Lobelia is an herbaceous 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 should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Suntory Trailing Blue with Eye Lobelia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Suntory Trailing Blue with Eye Lobelia flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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Suntory Trailing Blue with Eye Lobelia in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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### **Planting & Growing**

Suntory Trailing Blue with Eye Lobelia will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 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.

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, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Suntory Trailing 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 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.