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Purple Falls Lantana



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Lantana montevidensis 'Purple Falls'

Height: 20 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: L. sellowiana; Trailing Lantana

Description:

This well branched, trailing variety produces a vibrant display of fuchsia-purple flowers with white centers all summer long; heat and drought tolerant; great for beds, borders, containers, and hanging baskets

Ornamental Features

Purple Falls Lantana features showy cymes of purple flowers with fuchsia overtones, gold eyes and white centers at the ends of the branches from late spring to mid fall. Its attractive textured heart-shaped leaves emerge chartreuse in spring, turning green in color the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

Purple Falls Lantana 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 should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies 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.

Purple Falls Lantana is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Purple Falls Lantana flowers
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Planting & Growing

Purple Falls Lantana will grow to be about 20 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 inches. 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.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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, 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 cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Purple Falls Lantana is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. 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. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.