



## **Aguilera™ Sky Blue Flossflower** *Ageratum houstonianum 'Aguilera Sky Blue'*

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 8 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Aguilera&trade; Series

### **Description:**

Tall, upright and sturdy stems are in focus on this beautiful compact mounded selection; sky blue flowers and deep green foliage stand out in garden containers, hanging baskets or garden landscapes; self-cleaning, no deadheading needed

### **Ornamental Features**

Aguilera Sky Blue Flossflower has masses of beautiful sky blue flat-top button flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

### **Landscape Attributes**

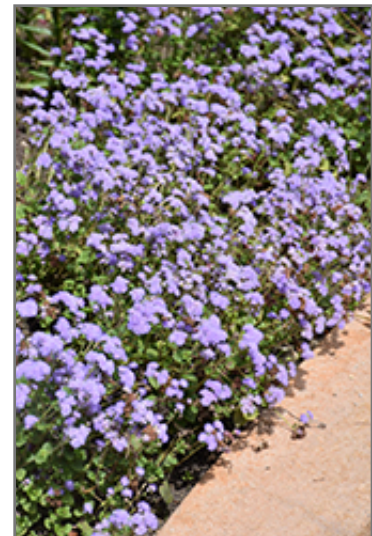
Aguilera Sky Blue Flossflower is a dense herbaceous annual with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting bees and 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.

Aguilera Sky Blue Flossflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Aguilera Sky Blue Flossflower flowers*  
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*Aguilera Sky Blue Flossflower in bloom*  
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- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

### **Planting & Growing**

Aguilera Sky Blue Flossflower will grow to be about 10 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. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. 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 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. 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.

Aguilera Sky Blue Flossflower 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.