



Violet Blue Viscaria

Viscaria oculata 'Violet Blue'

Plant Height: 10 inches

Flower Height: 15 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 15 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Catchfly, Rose Angel, Rose Of Heaven

Description:

A fast growing hardy annual producing masses of lovely rose-violet flowers in summer; in mild winter areas, it may be sown in fall for winter and early spring bloom; excellent for beds, containers or cutting

Ornamental Features

Violet Blue Viscaria has masses of beautiful rose round flowers with violet overtones and black eyes at the ends of the stems from late spring to early fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its grassy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Violet Blue Viscaria 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 be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Violet Blue Viscaria is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets



Violet Blue Viscaria flowers
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Planting & Growing

Violet Blue Viscaria will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity extending to 15 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 15 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. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Violet Blue Viscaria 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.