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Night Sky Petunia

Petunia 'Night Sky'



Night Sky Petunia flowers
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Height: 14 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A distinctive variety producing purple to lavender blooms that are splashed with white spots; visually stunning in borders or patio containers

Ornamental Features

Night Sky Petunia is smothered in stunning purple trumpet-shaped flowers with lavender overtones and white spots at the ends of the stems from mid spring to mid fall. Its pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.



Night Sky Petunia in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Night Sky Petunia 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. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds 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.

Night Sky Petunia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Night Sky Petunia will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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 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.

Night Sky Petunia 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.