

Duranta Variegated - Plant



Duranta Variegated (Variegated Sky Flower) is a vigorous large broad leaf evergreen shrub native to tropical America. White-edged, pale blue flowers that appear when growing conditions are favourable and attract butterflies.

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Description

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In the summer, cascading clusters of blue tubular flowers appear followed by wonderfully contrasting orange-yellow berries. This variegated form has creamy-yellow margins around the one inch long serrated leaves. In mild climates this plant can be in flower nearly year round with flowers and fruit appearing at the same time.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Variegated Sky Flower, pigeon-berry, golden dewdrop.	blue	Spring, summer	5-8 feet.	Easy.

Planting and care

Dig holes or beds wide, not deep. Lightly amend heavy clay or sandy soils with organic matter. Gently remove plants from containers, keeping the root ball intact. Loosen potting soil and roots around bottom and edges of root ball. Level plant with surrounding soil, spreading roots outward. Fill roots around with lightly amended native soil. Water to settle soil around roots. Cover the area with leaf or bark mulch 1 - 3 inches thick but not piled up onto the plant s stem/trunk Water deeply. Stake large shrubs or trees to prevent excess movement in strong winds.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full Sun, Partial Sun	Rich organic soil that is somewhat loamy and drains well.	Frequent deep watering.	About 20-25 Å° F.	Slow -fertilizers help encourage prolific flowering and fruiting.

Caring for Duranta Variegated

- Grown for its summer flowers and ornamental fruit, this evergreen shrub spreads and arches to 25 feet tall and wide. In the summer, cascading clusters of blue tubular flowers appear followed by wonderfully contrasting orange-yellow berries. This variegated form has creamy-yellow margins around the one inch long serrated leaves.

Typical uses of Duranta Variegated

Special features:

Ornamental use: It is an excellent plant to create contrast with its green hard white foliage and bluish flowers. Perfect for all kinds of containers, including window boxes, hanging baskets and combination planters. They may be used to liven porches and patios. Grow as a small tree in frost-free climates.

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