

Scilla Violacea, Ledebouria Pauciflora - Plant



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Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Silver Squill, Violet Squill, Violet Squill, Leopard Lily, South African Scilla, Bluebell.	White-green,	Spring and summer.	6-10 inches	Easy to grow

Planting and care

Use a soil based potting mixture and plant *Ledebouria socialis* bulbs in pans or half-pots. Pot up the bulbs in the spring, but no more than three bulbs in a single 10-15cm (4-6 inch) pot. Space the bulbs evenly over the surface and bury only the bottom half or each bulb in the potting mixture.

During the first four or six weeks do not feed the plants and water sparingly, allowing the top half or the potting mixture to dry out between waterings. When the new roots should be well established, treat the plants in the normal way. Break up overcrowded clumps every two or three years.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full Sun to Partial Shade	Well-drained soil	Medium	20 to 30 degrees C	Apply any organic fertilizer.

Caring for Scilla Violacea

- Plant bulbs with their necks above soil level.
- In growth, water freely and apply a high potash fertilizer every 4 weeks, keep just moist in winter.
- Watering: During the active growing period water them moderately, allowing the top centimetre (0.4 inch) or so of the potting mixture to dry out before watering again.
- During the rest period water these plants only enough to prevent the mixture from drying out.

Typical uses of Scilla Violacea

Special features: Uses: This plant is suitable for growing indoors. It is very happy sitting in window sill too. It can be grown outside where there is no danger of frost. It is drought-tolerant and therefore it is suitable for xeriscaping.

Ornamental use: Ledebouria socialis growing herbaceous geophyte succulent of the genus Ledebouria also known as Silver Squill, Ledebouria socialis perennial evergreen used as ornamental drought tolerant plant, can grow in mediterranean, subtropics climate or as houseplant.

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