

Torenia (Violet) - Plant



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Description

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Although sometimes classified as a warm weather annual, this species ofTorenia is not terribly fond of hot and humid summer weather.

Most variety have purplish blue flowers with a yellow throat. True to its name, Torenia displays two short wishbone-shaped curved stamens. Annual best grown in consistently moist, organically rich, well-drained soils in part shade to full shade. Although sometimes classified as a warm weather annual, this species ofTorenia is not terribly fond of hot and humid summer weather. In the St. Louis area, it needs protection from the hot afternoon sun and benefits from a summer mulch to help retain moisture and keep soils cool.

As long as properly sited and watered, it will generally bloom from early/mid summer to frost. Start seed indoors 6-8 weeks before last frost date or sow seed directly in the garden just before last frost date. Plants are often available from nurseries in cell/six packs. Set out seedlings or purchased plants 1-2 weeks after last frost date. Young plants may be pinched to promote compact, bushier growth. Container plants may be brought indoors for winter bloom.

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| Common name wishbone flower or bluewings. | Flower colours Violet | Bloom time it will generally bloom from early/mid summer to frost. | Height 1 to 3 feet | Difficulty Its easy to grow |
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Planting and care

planting indoors in pots or outdoors in the ground.

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| Sunlight Make sure that the plants will receive sunlight each | Soil well-drained and moist soil. | Water Water them regularly, especially in hot weather, | Temperature they can handle cooler temperatures | Fertilizer Using a balance 10-10-10 NPK fertilizer, fertilize |
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day.

but do not overdo it.

Torenia plants once every month. Make sure to follow the directions and dosage properly.

Caring for Torenia

Once your Torenia plants reached about 8 cm high, pinch back the growing tip of the stem to encourage branching. This extra care will give you bushy, compact and healthy-looking plants. Removing spent bloom heads or "deadheading" is not really necessary to improve the appearance of your Torenia plants.

Typical uses of Torenia

Special features: Good for Containers

Ornamental use: The plant is used for ornamental purpose for its beautiful flowers.

References

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