

# Carolina Petunia

***Ruellia caroliniensis***



*Carolina Petunia flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: Wild Petunia

**Description:**

This native perennial is quite adaptable, tolerating full or partial sun and moist to dry conditions in any kind of soil; great for indoor containers; presents violet-blue flowers, set against the glossy green foliage

**Features & Attributes**

Carolina Petunia features dainty violet trumpet-shaped flowers with blue overtones at the ends of the stems from early spring to late fall. Its attractive glossy narrow leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year.

This is an herbaceous evergreen houseplant with a spreading, ground-hugging habit of growth. This plant may benefit from an occasional pruning to look its best.

**Planting & Growing**

When grown indoors, Carolina Petunia can be expected to grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 3 years. This houseplant will do well in a location that gets either direct or indirect sunlight, although it will usually require a more brightly-lit environment than what artificial indoor lighting alone can provide. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist soil, but will not tolerate any standing water. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is not particular as to soil type or pH; an average potting soil should work just fine.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.

*-- THIS IS A HOUSEPLANT AND IS NOT MEANT TO SURVIVE THE WINTER OUTDOORS IN OUR CLIMATE --*