Blue Dawn Morning Glory

Ipomoea acuminata 'Blue Dawn'



Blue Dawn Morning Glory flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Blue Dawn Flower

Description:

A very fast growing vine with trailing stems that will root along the way; an excellent bank or slope covering when allowed to sprawl; will quickly cover a fence, pole or wall; large violet blue flowers age to pink tones

Ornamental Features

Blue Dawn Morning Glory features bold violet trumpet-shaped flowers with blue overtones and white throats along the branches from early summer to mid fall. It has green deciduous foliage. The heart-shaped leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.



Blue Dawn Morning Glory in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

Blue Dawn Morning Glory is a multi-stemmed deciduous woody vine with a twining and trailing habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a high maintenance woody vine that will require regular care and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Invasive
- Self-Seeding

Blue Dawn Morning Glory is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Blue Dawn Morning Glory will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. As a climbing vine, it tends to be leggy near the base and should be underplanted with low-growing facer plants. It should be planted near a fence, trellis or other landscape structure where it can be trained to grow upwards on it, or allowed to trail off a retaining wall or slope. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years.

This woody vine should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Blue Dawn Morning Glory makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.