Angelface® Steel Blue Angelonia

Angelonia angustifolia 'ANSTEEL'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 16 inches

Spacing: 14 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Summer Snapdragon

Group/Class: Angelface Series

Description:

A heat loving plant that grows vigorously and blooms profusely in mid summer; tolerates wet feet and drought; no need to deadhead; long lasting as a cut flower; semi upright with a good branching habit; grape scented foliage

Ornamental Features

Angelface Steel Blue Angelonia has masses of beautiful spikes of lavender pea-like flowers with white eyes and purple spots rising above the foliage from late spring to early fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its small fragrant narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Angelface Steel Blue Angelonia is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.



Angelface Steel Blue Angelonia flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Angelface Steel Blue Angelonia in bloom
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This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Angelface Steel Blue Angelonia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets



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Planting & Growing

Angelface Steel Blue Angelonia will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 14 inches apart. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Angelface Steel Blue Angelonia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.