Hot® Blue Lobelia

Lobelia 'Wesloblue'



Hot Blue Lobelia flowers
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Height: 12 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Hot Series

Description:

A stunning heat seeking series with a trailing habit; dense vivid blooms cascade from hanging baskets and containers, also great for garden borders and ground cover; little to no deadheading needed

Ornamental Features

Hot Blue Lobelia features dainty blue flowers with white eyes at the ends of the stems from early spring to early fall. Its tiny narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Hot Blue Lobelia is an herbaceous annual with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Hot Blue Lobelia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Hot Blue Lobelia will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.

Hot Blue Lobelia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its trailing 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. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.