Aria Alta Purple Angelonia

Angelonia angustifolia 'Aria Alta Purple'

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Summer Snapdragon

Group/Class: Aria Alta Series



Aria Alta Purple Angelonia flowers
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Aria Alta Purple Angelonia in bloom
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Description:

A wonderful heat and drought tolerant series, ideal for adding height to borders, beds and patio containers; tall sturdy spikes of brightly colored flowers bloom early into the season; eye-catching in fresh cut flower arrangements

Ornamental Features

Aria Alta Purple Angelonia has masses of beautiful spikes of purple pea-like flowers with a white flare rising above the foliage from late spring to late summer, 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 year.

Landscape Attributes

Aria Alta Purple 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.

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.

Aria Alta Purple Angelonia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Aria Alta Purple Angelonia will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant 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. 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.

Aria Alta Purple 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.