Delta™ Speedy Purple Pansy

Viola x wittrockiana 'Delta Speedy Purple'



Delta Speedy Purple Pansy flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 5 inches

Spread: 8 inches

Spacing: 5 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Winter Pansy, Violet

Group/Class: Delta Speedy Series

Description:

This variety produces spectacular blooms that are purple with dramatic dark purple blotch and sunny yellow eyes; flowers early and persistently all season, even in low light; well branched with a free flowing habit

Ornamental Features

Delta Speedy Purple Pansy has masses of beautiful purple flowers with yellow eyes and a deep purple blotch at the ends of the stems from early spring to late fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its serrated round leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Delta Speedy Purple Pansy is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. 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 only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Delta Speedy Purple Pansy is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Delta Speedy Purple Pansy will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 5 inches apart. It grows at a fast rate, and tends to be biennial, meaning that it puts on vegetative growth the first year, flowers the second, and then dies. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. 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. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. 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. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Delta Speedy Purple Pansy is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.