Blue Ensign Dwarf Morning Glory

Convolvulus tricolor 'Blue Ensign'



Blue Ensign Dwarf Morning Glory flowers
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Height: 12 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 9

Description:

A wonderful annual or short-lived perennial, displaying royal blue, white, and yellow trumpets all season long; tolerates drought once established; a great groundcover shrub or colorful addition to the rock garden; will tolerate clay if not over watered

Ornamental Features

Blue Ensign Dwarf Morning Glory features showy royal blue trumpet-shaped flowers with yellow throats and white centers along the stems from early summer to early fall. Its pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Blue Ensign Dwarf Morning Glory is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Blue Ensign Dwarf Morning Glory is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Blue Ensign Dwarf Morning Glory will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 3 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. 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 pH, but grows best in sandy soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Blue Ensign Dwarf Morning Glory is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. 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.