Riviera Blue Splash Lobelia

Lobelia erinus 'Riviera Blue Splash'



Riviera Blue Splash Lobelia flowers
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Height: 5 inches

Spread: 8 inches

Spacing: 6 inches

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Riviera Series

Description:

Ball shaped plants stay compact and mounded throughout the season; interesting light blue flowers flecked with deep blue blanket rich green foliage; a great selection for early flowering beds, borders and containers

Ornamental Features

Riviera Blue Splash Lobelia features dainty silvery blue flowers with royal blue overtones at the ends of the stems from mid spring to mid fall. Its tiny narrow leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Riviera Blue Splash 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.

Riviera Blue Splash Lobelia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Riviera Blue Splash Lobelia will grow to be only 5 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 6 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. 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 be grown in a location with partial shade. Keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. 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. 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. 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.

Riviera Blue Splash 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.