Kenilworth Ivy

Cymbalaria muralis



Kenilworth Ivy in bloom
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Plant Height: 2 inches

Flower Height: 3 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Ivy-Leaved Toadflax, Climbing Sailor

Description:

A wonderful little filler plant for growing in between flagstones; little scalloped leaves form a low mat; studded with tiny lilac blue flowers all summer long; great for groundcover, edging or draped over terraces or rockeries



Kenilworth Ivy flowers
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Ornamental Features

Kenilworth Ivy is bathed in stunning lavender pea-like flowers with white overtones, yellow eyes and purple centers along the stems from early to mid summer. Its crinkled round leaves emerge light green in spring, turning green in color. The foliage often turns yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Kenilworth Ivy is an herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Kenilworth Ivy is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Kenilworth Ivy will grow to be only 2 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 4 years. 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 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 species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Kenilworth Ivy is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading 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.