## **Plant Finder**





SureShot™ Dark Blue Petunia Petunia 'Balsursarlu'

Height: 8 inches Spread: 22 inches Spacing: 24 inches Sunlight: O Hardiness Zone: (annual) Group/Class: SureShot Series

#### **Description:**

A beautiful trailing series presenting bold and brightly colored blooms cascading from medium green foliage; fragrant flowers attract bees and pollinators; ideal for hanging baskets and containers, while showing wonderful performance in garden landscapes



SureShot Dark Blue Petunia flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

SureShot Dark Blue Petunia is draped in stunning indigo trumpet-shaped flowers with royal blue overtones at the ends of the stems from mid spring to mid fall. Its pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

SureShot Dark Blue Petunia is a dense herbaceous annual with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. 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 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 is a good choice for attracting bees and 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.

SureShot Dark Blue Petunia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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### **Planting & Growing**

SureShot Dark Blue Petunia will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 22 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.

SureShot Dark Blue Petunia 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.