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## **Calitastic Aubergine Star Calibrachoa**

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# Calitastic® Aubergine Star Calibrachoa

Calibrachoa 'Wescacaliaust'

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Million Bells, Mini Petunia

Group/Class: Calitastic Series

#### **Description:**

A beautiful long season bloomer, ideal for patio containers, hanging baskets, borders and garden landscapes; features stunning lavender blooms with deep violet centers and golden star pattern; low maintenance; attracts hummingbirds and pollinators



Calitastic Aubergine Star Calibrachoa flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Calitastic Aubergine Star Calibrachoa is covered in stunning lavender trumpet-shaped flowers with yellow throats and violet centers at the ends of the stems from late spring to early fall. Its small pointy leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Calitastic Aubergine Star Calibrachoa is a dense herbaceous annual 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 not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds 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.

Calitastic Aubergine Star Calibrachoa is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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#### **Planting & Growing**

Calitastic Aubergine Star Calibrachoa will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

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 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.

Calitastic Aubergine Star Calibrachoa 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.