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## Purple Tube Flower



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*Lochroma cyaneum*

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 8 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Other Names: Mini Angels Trumpet, *Lochroma tubulosa*

#### Description:

Stunning clusters of narrow, dark purple trumpet flowers that bloom profusely throughout the season; a cousin of the Brugmansia, with much smaller, but plentiful blooms; can be maintained as a small tree; great for containers

#### Ornamental Features

Purple Tube Flower features showy clusters of deep purple trumpet-shaped flowers hanging below the branches from early spring to late fall. Its oval leaves remain dark green in colour with distinctive light green veins throughout the year.

#### Landscape Attributes

Purple Tube Flower is a multi-stemmed evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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, and is best cut back to the ground in late winter before active growth resumes. 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;

- Insects

Purple Tube Flower is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Purple Tube Flower flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



*Purple Tube Flower in bloom*  
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- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

### Planting & Growing

Purple Tube Flower will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. It tends to be leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and should be underplanted with lower-growing perennials. Although it is technically a woody plant, this plant can be expected to behave as a perennial in our climate if planted outdoors over the winter, usually regrowing from its base (crown) the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

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. To help this plant achieve its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets.

Purple Tube Flower is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.