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Lascar™ Black Velvet Verbena

Verbena 'KLEVP15618'



Lascar Black Velvet Verbena flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 14 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Vervain

Group/Class: Lascar Series

Description:

An early flowering series featuring a mounded habit with trailing tendencies; dramatic and beautiful flowers sit among medium green foliage; heat tolerant and low maintenance; excellent for hanging baskets, containers and landscapes

Ornamental Features

Lascar Black Velvet Verbena features showy clusters of deep purple star-shaped flowers with creamy white eyes at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its small tomentose narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Lascar Black Velvet Verbena is an herbaceous annual with a mounded form. 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 is a good choice for attracting bees 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.

Lascar Black Velvet Verbena is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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Planting & Growing

Lascar Black Velvet Verbena will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. 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 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, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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.

Lascar Black Velvet Verbena 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.