

Botanical Name: Ageratum houstonianum

Common Name: Flossflower, Ageratum

Type of Plant: dicot: sp. annual Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape compact, upright plant with broad, flattened foliage;
terminal clusters of blue-purple fuzzy flowers

Height 6" - 12" Spread to 12" Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors half shade to full sun

Soil takes any soil with good drainage

Hardiness tender to frost

Morphology:

Leaves ovate to lanceolate, medium green, margins tinged purple,
2"-3" long, margins crenate to dentate, pubescent above and beneath

Flowers blue-lilac or white in cymes, heads to ½" across with
linear bracts

Fruit achene

Propagation: seed

Usage: good source of blue color in borders, containers, raised
beds; mixes well with other annuals, good in mass plantings

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular summer watering

Fertilizing balanced, slow-release at planting

Pruning none

Pests/Diseases whitefly

Special Conditions

Origin: Central America Family: Compositae