

Botanical Name: Scilla peruviana

Common Name: Peruvian scilla

Type of Plant: monocot: perennial Family Liliaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Clumping, loose, strappy plant with a dense dome-like cluster of
star-shaped purple flowers in early spring; dies back in summer

Height to 18" Spread to 2 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor Full sun to part shade

Soil tolerates most any soil; thrives with good drainage

Hardiness Some frost: Zones 14-17, 19-24

Morphology:

Leaves Strap-shaped to 1 ft. long, bright green, usually with strong
mid-vein; leaves are soft and frequently bent or folded

Flowers purple, star-shaped flowers in a dome-like raceme; cluster is
about 4" across – early spring to summer

Fruit small fleshy capsule with black seeds

Propagation: division, seed

Usage: Colorful filler under larger plants, good in mass plantings, large
beds, under large trees; sometimes used as a container plant

Landscape Care:

Watering appreciates regular watering during active growing season

Fertilizing slow-release at planting, balanced after bloom if needed

Pruning remove dead flowers and leaves as plant goes dormant after bloom

Pests/Diseases none major

Other entire plant is poisonous

Origin: Mediterranean (common name is incorrect)