

Botanical Name: Lobelia erinus

Common Name: Lobelia

Type of Plant: bedding plant Character spring annual

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape spreading, trailing plant, forming upright clumps or  
sprawling branches--trails from hanging baskets

Height 6-8" Spread 12-18" Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoor half shade to full sun

Soil prefers a cool, well-drained soil

Hardiness tender to cold

Morphology:

Leaves elliptic to ovate toward base, upper leaves linear to  
1-1/2" long, all slightly to coarsely serrate

Flowers loose racemes of violet, 1/2" 5-lobed flowers

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: seed

Usage: baskets, window boxes, borders, edgings, excellent source  
of vivid color in containers. Mixes well with begonias, marigolds, petunias,  
etc.

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering

Fertilizing balanced, slow-release at planting, low nitrogen feeding

Pruning pinch occasionally to keep compact and prolong bloom

Pests/Diseases whitefly

Special Conditions deep purple, blue and white forms available

Origin: So. Africa Family: Lobeliaceae