

Botanical Name: Barleria cristata

Common Name: Philippine violet

Type of Plant: dicot: annual Family Acanthaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape narrowly upright woody perennial with a heavy display of  
bright blue flowers and medium green foliage; stays neat and compact

Height to 5 ft. Spread to 4 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade; blooms last longer in shade

Soil prefers a well-amended soil with good drainage

Hardiness hardy; zones 1-24

Morphology:

Leaves broadly ovate to 4" long, medium green; densely branched and  
oppositely arranged; spiny bracts are persistent after blooming

Flowers blue petunia-like flowers to 3" across; blooms heavily in  
summer through fall; available in blue, white and pink varieties

Fruit small capsule with small black seeds

Propagation: stem cuttings and seed

Usage: subtropical filler or facer; grown for heavy bloom display  
in warm months; appreciated for bloom and compact growth habit; can be used in  
mass plantings and in containers

Landscape Care:

Watering appreciates regular watering; not drought tolerant

Fertilizing slow release at planting time

Pruning can be headed back to control size

Pests/Diseases none significant

Other self-seeds and sends out runners; can be invasive

Origin: Southeast Asia