

Botanical Name: Cyanotis kewensis

Common Name: Teddy-bear plant

Type of Plant: monocot: perennial Family Commelinaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Semi-succulent vine-like plant with densely set, fleshy
hairy leaves which overlap somewhat on stems

Height to 12" Spread to 18" Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor prefers partial shade

Soil prefers a well-drained organic soil

Hardiness tender, Zones 21-24

Morphology:

Leaves fuzzy, densely set, narrowly elliptical to lanceolate, to 2"
long, medium green with grayish pubescence

Flowers lavender-pink, to 1/2" across on trailing stems appearing
less dense than leafy stems

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings

Usage: hanging basket plant for foliage and flowers; can be mixed
with tropicals or succulents

Landscape Care:

Watering takes regular watering but can be kept somewhat drier than
tropical plants

Fertilizing slow-release feed in spring

Pruning pinch occasionally to induce bushiness

Pests/Diseases root rot where drainage is poor

Other there appear to be two varieties - one more compact

Origin: Southern India