

Botanical Name: Eustoma grandiflorum (Lisianthus russelianus)

Common Name: Texas bluebell, Lisianthus

Type of Plant: dicot: biennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright clumping plant with blue-green foliage and terminal clusters of purple, lavender or white cup-shaped flowers; this plant is a biennial, but used as an annual

Height 2 to 3' Spread to 1 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil prefers a soil with good drainage

Hardiness hardy, all zones

Morphology:

Leaves elliptical to ovate, blue-green color; to 2" long, oppositely arranged

Flowers to 2" across, tulip-like, in colors of dark purple, lavender or white; blooms in warm season

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: seed

Usage: used in beds, containers and borders for tulip-like blooms; mixes well with wild flowers, bedding plants and perennials; normally used as a summer annual

Landscape Care:

Watering average watering; not drought tolerant

Fertilizing slow release at planting time

Pruning tip back in spring to encourage bushiness

Pests/Diseases pest free

Special Conditions

Origin: Southwest United States Family: Gentianaceae