

Plant Facts

Dwarf Mexican Petunia *Ruellia simplex*

Other Common Names: Nolan's Dwarf, Mexican Petunia, Dwarf Wild Petunia



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General Information

Quick growing ground cover. Best flowering is in full sun. This plant thrives in moist, fertile, but well-drained soils. It is a versatile and tolerates a wide range of growing conditions

It also does well in average garden soils with even moisture. Established plants have respectable drought tolerance. Plants also tolerate high heat and humidity. Cut back stems after flowering to encourage new flowers.

Characteristics

Hardiness Zones: 8-10

Heat Tolerance: High

Size: 6-12 inches tall by 6-12 inches wide

Flowers: Violet, light pink or white tubular blooms

Bloom time: Summer to first frost

Leaves: Dark green lance-shaped leaves

Pests and Disease Problems

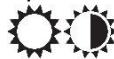
Typically resistant but may be bothered occasionally by snails.

KATIE DWARF MEXICAN PETUNIA

Ruellia simplex 'Katie'

TX Superstar Perennial

 Pollinators



Full Sun/Part Shade

Water: Medium-high, drought tolerant
6-12 in tall x 6-12 in Wide

Color: Violet, light pink or white
Blooms: Summer to early fall
Super Spreader by rhizomes and self-seeding

Grown by a Denton County Master Gardener

Plant Care

Dwarf Mexican petunia has been named a Texas Superstar™ by Texas A&M University. The plants are adaptable to various soils and growing conditions. Although they prefer full sun, the plants survive in partial shade although with less flowering. Once established, Mexican petunias are drought tolerant. Some supplemental water is required during periods of drought. Cut dead foliage to the ground after the first hard freeze and leaves will re-emerge from roots in spring.

Warning

Super spreader.

Sources for Additional Information

Texas SuperStar. [Dwarf Mexican Petunia](#)

Texas Smart Scape. [Dwarf Mexican Petunia](#)