

Plant Facts

Dwarf Mexican Petunia - *Ruellia simplex*

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



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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

General Information

Quick growing perennial 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.

Characteristics

Hardiness Zones: 8-10

Size: 6-12 in w x h

Flowers: Tubular; violet, light pink or white

Bloom time: Summer to first frost

Leaves: Dark green, lance-shaped

Growth Habit/Shape: Ground cover, spreading

Soil Requirements: Evenly moist; well-drained; adaptable

Propagation: Rhizomes, stem cuttings, reseeding

Indoor/Outdoor: Outdoor

Pests and Disease Problems

Typically resistant but may be bothered by snails.

Plant Care

Dwarf Mexican petunia has been named a Texas Superstar™ by Texas A&M University. The plants are adaptable to various growing conditions. Cut back stems after flowering to encourage re-blooming. Cut plant to the ground after the first hard freeze and leaves will re-emerge in Spring.

Notes

Super spreader, but much less aggressive than standard tall Mexican Petunia

Sources for Additional Information

Texas Superstar™

<https://texassuperstar.com/dwarf-mexican-petunia-2/>

Texas SmartScape™

<https://txsmartscape.com/plant-search/dwarf-mexican-petunia>