

Torenia

General Information:

Torenia has historically been known as a short-lived summer plant, but this new type of Torenia changes that perception. By crossing a typical Torenia with creeping native species, we now have a fast-growing, creeping/trailing variety that is covered with light and dark blue snapdragon like bi-color flowers throughout the entire summer. Even more unique, this Torenia loves the sun and thrives in heat. It can flower throughout the entire year if the temperature is right. Summer Wave makes a beautiful hanging basket, but also does well in beds, or even as a ground cover. Perhaps it's most unique feature is that we have yet to identify any natural enemies, so pests are not yet a problem.

Planting:

Plant in full sun in baskets, tubs, window boxes or beds. Well-drained, organic soils are best.

Watering:

Keep moist until plant is well-established. 'Summer Wave' is very heat tolerant. Water periodically so soil is moist two to three inches below the surface. Water daily during hot summer months, after soil is only slightly dry.

Fertilizer:

Fertilize weekly, June thru August at half strength, 20-20-20 fertilizer. Periodically supplement with iron.

Pruning:

'Summer Wave' is not an invasive plant, but minor trimming may be necessary. Pruning or cutting back is not necessary to maintain flowering.

Companion Plants:

Zonal Geraniums

Wave Petunia

Million Bells

Licorice Vine