



RUELLIA BRITTONIANA

Mexican Petunia

- Low to moderate water
- Full sun to part shade
- Attracts butterflies
- Attracts hummingbirds
- Deer resistant
- Rabbit resistant
- Native to Mexico

Why we love it...

On the Mexican petunia, lavender-blue flowers present themselves in mid-spring and continuously emerge until the cold weather arrives. Like its namesake, Mexican petunia blossoms are quite similar to the annual, petunia, but the two are unrelated. Though the foliage appears lustrous and delicate, this shrubby plant can thrive in a variety of conditions, including dry or wet soil, full sun or partial shade, and requires little to no care.

It does well in pots, especially because it's a very vigorous grower and it may be beneficial to keep contained. Plant form and amount of blossoming is dependent on how much sun it gets; more sun encourages more blossoms and shrubbiness. Plant near pools, ponds, and other water features to promote a lush feeling atmosphere. Pair with gold lantana or Arizona yellow bells for a dramatic color contrast.



Lydia says: A minor haircut every now and then will keep your Mexican petunia looking neat and tidy.

Perennial: **Ruellia brittoniana**

Size (H x W): 2-3 feet x 2-3 feet

Blooms: Lavender blue in spring, summer, and fall.

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Hardiness Zone: 25° F, USDA Zone 9

Water: Low to moderate

Pruning: Winter

Growth Rate: Moderate to fast



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