





RUELLIA BRITTONIANA 'BABY KATIE'


Dwarf Ruellia

 Low to moderate water

 Full sun to part shade

 Attracts butterflies

 Attracts hummingbirds

 Deer resistant

 Rabbit resistant

 Native to Mexico



Why we love it...

Violet colored, petunia-like flowers emerge upon dark-green foliage in the spring, and continue to flower rampantly throughout the year until this easy-to-grow perennial gets too cold. Dwarf ruellia, as the name suggests, is a dwarf version of the classic Mexican petunia (*Ruellia brittoniana*). Its growth habit is much different than its parent plant, however. Densely packed foliage makes this mounding groundcover shrub look and feel lush. Dwarf ruellia maxes out at a mature height of about 12 inches and no more than a foot wide. It is attractive in pots, beds, and as a border plant. It does well in both sun and shade, but flowering is dependent on how much sunlight is received. It is tolerant of a wide range of soils, even soil that stays consistently wet. Plant dwarf ruellia around pools or ponds for a mini-oasis feel.



Lydia says: Cut back old or damaged growth in late winter to rejuvenate dwarf ruellia.

Perennial:
Ruellia brittoniana 'Baby Katie'

Size (H x W): 12-18 inches x 1-2 feet

Blooms: Lavender blue or pink 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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