# Lavender Trailing Lantana

***Lantana montevidensis 'Lavender'***



*Lavender Trailing Lantana flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

**Description:**

This trailing variety produces a vibrant display of lavender flowers with white centers; heat and drought tolerant; great for beds, borders, and containers; heat and drought tolerant once established; low maintenance; attracts butterflies

**Ornamental Features**

Lavender Trailing Lantana features showy cymes of lavender flowers with white eyes at the ends of the branches from late spring to late summer. Its tomentose pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

**Landscape Attributes**

Lavender Trailing Lantana is a multi-stemmed annual with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Lavender Trailing Lantana is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

**Planting & Growing**

Lavender Trailing Lantana will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Lavender Trailing Lantana is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.