

Ruellia brittoniana

(Mexican petunia)

Mexican petunia is a herbaceous perennial , native to Mexico and South America. From spring to fall it produces a funnel shape flower which comes in white pink or purple color. Butterflies loves the flower. The leaf is long and linear and creates a dense look for the plant. It is grows best in full sun or partial shade and can tolerate heat, and drought. Under cold condition it might die back but will grow back from the rhizomes. It can spread aggressively and invasively by both seed and rhizomes.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: roo-EL-lee-a brit-tone-ee-AY-nah

Plant Type: Groundcover

Origin: Mexico

Heat Zones: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Hardiness Zones: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Border Plant, Mass Planting, Container, Intensive Green Roof, Extensive Green Roof

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape:

Height at Maturity: Less than 0.5 m

Spread at Maturity: Less than 50 cm

Time to Ultimate Height: 2 to 5 Years

Notes

Can ask as an invasive plants

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Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Lanceolate

Leaf Margins: Serrate

Leaf Textures: Fine

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Flower Type: Solitary

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Purple, Blue, White, Pink

Seasons: Year Round

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Brown

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

- Frost Tolerant:** No
- Heat Tolerant:** No
- Drought Tolerant:** Yes

Requirements

- Soil Requirements:** Loam, Sand
- Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral
- Water Requirements:** Low
- Light Requirements:** Full, Part

Management

- Toxity:** No
- Invasive Potential:** Yes
- Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No
- Edible Parts:** None
- Plant Propagations:** Seed, Cutting