Lobelia erinus

(Bedding Lobelia, Edging Lobelia)

Edging lobelia is a tender perennial that is usually grown as an annual. It has a very showy flower that could be dark purple or blue in color. It grows in fertile, well-draine soil of any type, and needs fuul or partial sun.

Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Lobélie érine

Arabic Name: خشخيشة الريح, حشيشة القزاز

Pronounciation: low-BEE-lee-a EAR-rin-us

Plant Type: Groundcover

Origin: South Africa

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

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

Uses: Border Plant, Indoor, Container

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: 1 to 2 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate
Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible
Leaf Persistance: Deciduous
Leaf Type: Simple
Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm
Leaf Shape: Oblanceolate
Leaf Margins: Entire
Leaf Textures: Glossy, Fine
Leaf Scent: No Fragance
Color(growing season): Green
Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True
Flower Size Range: 0 - 1.5
Flower Type: Panicle
Flower Scent: No Fragance
Flower Color: Purple, Blue, Pink
Seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule
Fruit Showiness: False
Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5
Fruit Colors: Brown
Seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Life Span: Less than 25

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Seed

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