

## Ageratum houstonianum

### (Flossflower, Mexican Ageratum)

Ageratum is an annual low growing plants reaching maximum 30 cm in height. It grows to form compact mounds of fresh looking foliage that are covered with blue, pink, purple or white blossoms. The plant can grow in a partial shade. Perfect container plant for balconies.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Agératum

**Pronunciation:** adge-jur-RAY-tum hoos-toe-nee-AY-num

**Plant Type:** Groundcover

**Origin:** Mexico

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

**Hardiness Zones:** 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

**Uses:** Border Plant, Mass Planting, Indoor, Container, Cut Flowers / Arrangements, Ground cover

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Tree Shape:** Round

**Height at Maturity:** Less than 0.5 m

**Spread at Maturity:** Less than 50 cm

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 1 Year

**Companion Plants:** Yellow marigolds, pink begonias

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Flower Image

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### Botanical Description

#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Reticulate

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Orbiculate

**Leaf Margins:** Dentate

**Leaf Textures:** Medium

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Flower Type:** Raceme

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** Pleasant

**Flower Color:** Red, Purple, Blue, Pink

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer, Fall

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Seasons:** Spring, Summer, Fall

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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** No

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Edible Parts:**

**Pests:** Mites, Thrips, Aphids

**Plant Propagations:** Seed

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