Beach Bum Blue Morning Glory

Evolvulus 'Beach Bum Blue'



Beach Bum Blue Morning Glory flowers
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Height: 6 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Other Names: Brazilian Morning Glory, Creeping Morning Glory

Description:

This eye-catching variety produces dazzling sky blue flowers all season, without deadheading; heat and drought tolerant once established; a compact mounding and trailing habit, outstanding for containers, hanging baskets, and border fronts

Ornamental Features

Beach Bum Blue Morning Glory is bathed in stunning clusters of sky blue cup-shaped flowers with white eyes at the ends of the stems from mid spring to mid fall. Its attractive tomentose oval leaves emerge grayish green in spring, turning green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Beach Bum Blue Morning Glory is an herbaceous perennial with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. 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 is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Beach Bum Blue Morning Glory is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Beach Bum Blue Morning Glory will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and tends to be biennial, meaning that it puts on vegetative growth the first year, flowers the second, and then dies. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Beach Bum Blue Morning Glory 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 trailing 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.