



# Kauai<sup>™</sup> Deep Blue Torenia\* Torenia 'PAS786690'

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Wishbone Flower

Group/Class: Kauai Series

### **Description:**

A compact series with a full compliment of vivid colors to offer; excellent performance in extreme heat and humidity; a visually stunning addition to small gardens or mixed containers



Kauai Deep Blue Torenia flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Kauai Deep Blue Torenia features showy royal blue tubular flowers with sky blue overtones, white throats and a yellow flare held atop the stems from late spring to early fall. Its small fragrant pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

## **Landscape Attributes**

Kauai Deep Blue Torenia is an herbaceous annual with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting bees and hummingbirds 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.

Kauai Deep Blue Torenia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



## **Planting & Growing**

Kauai Deep Blue Torenia will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 8 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.

Kauai Deep Blue Torenia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

\* This is a 'special order' plant - contact store for details