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Sunstrong™ Violet Wallflower

Erysimum linifolium 'Sunstrong Violet'



Sunstrong Violet Wallflower flowers
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Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 8 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Group/Class: Sunstrong Series

Description:

Delicately scented, violet-purple flowers bloom from early spring through fall over dark green foliage; heat tolerant with a compact habit, great for containers, beds, or borders; deadhead after flowering

Ornamental Features

Sunstrong Violet Wallflower features showy clusters of fragrant violet flowers rising above the foliage from early spring to mid fall. Its narrow leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.



Sunstrong Violet Wallflower flowers
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Landscape Attributes

Sunstrong Violet Wallflower is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Sunstrong Violet Wallflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Sunstrong Violet Wallflower in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Sunstrong Violet Wallflower will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 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 dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. 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. However, this species tends to self-seed and will thereby endure for years in the garden if allowed. 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Sunstrong Violet Wallflower is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.