Longfellow's Greenhouses

Bombay® Dark Blue Fan Flower

Scaevola aemula 'Bombay Dark Blue'



Bombay Dark Blue Fan Flower flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 8 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Bombay Series

Description:

A beautiful, strongly trailing series that produces gorgeous, fan shaped blooms that sit on dark green glossy foliage; a perfect addition to any hanging basket, patio container or garden bed; long blooming, highly heat tolerant and low maintenance



Bombay Dark Blue Fan Flower in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Bombay Dark Blue Fan Flower features dainty royal blue flowers along the stems from mid spring to late summer. Its small serrated oval leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Bombay Dark Blue Fan Flower is an herbaceous annual with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Bombay Dark Blue Fan Flower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Bombay Dark Blue Fan Flower will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.

Bombay Dark Blue Fan Flower 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.