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Nanouk Tradescantia

Tradescantia albiflora 'Nanouk'

Height: 14 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

This trailing tropical is grown for its foliage; emerging purple leaves mature to green, with white stripes and violet reverses; low maintenance, and excellent for beds, border fronts, hanging baskets and patio containers

Ornamental Features

Nanouk Tradescantia features dainty white flowers with yellow anthers along the stems from mid summer to mid fall, which emerge from distinctive hot pink flower buds. Its attractive glossy oval leaves emerge purple in spring, turning forest green in color with curious violet undersides and tinges of hot pink the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

Nanouk Tradescantia is an herbaceous annual with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Nanouk Tradescantia is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Nanouk Tradescantia
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Nanouk Tradescantia flowers
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets



Nanouk Tradescantia foliage
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Planting & Growing

Nanouk Tradescantia will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. 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. As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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 or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. 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.

Nanouk Tradescantia 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 spreading 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.