



Alonia™ Big Violet Angelonia Angelonia angustifolia 'Alonia Big Violet'

Plant Height: 15 inches Flower Height: 20 inches Spread: 15 inches Spacing: 12 inches Sunlight: **O** Hardiness Zone: 9 Other Names: Summer Snapdragon Group/Class: Alonia Series



Alonia Big Violet Angelonia flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

## **Description:**

This variety produces airy violet snapdragon-like flowers all summer; a spiky look that is great for massing; perfect for cottage gardens, borders, and containers; tolerates heat, humidity, and drought, once established

## **Ornamental Features**

Alonia Big Violet Angelonia has masses of beautiful spikes of violet pea-like flowers rising above the foliage from late spring to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its small fragrant narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

## Landscape Attributes

Alonia Big Violet Angelonia is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 butterflies 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.

Alonia Big Violet Angelonia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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## **Planting & Growing**

Alonia Big Violet Angelonia will grow to be about 15 inches tall at maturity extending to 20 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 15 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 3 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. 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. 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. 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.

Alonia Big Violet Angelonia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. 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.

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