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# Violet Stardust Bush Clematis Clematis 'Violet Stardust'

Hardiness Zone: 3a

## **Description:**

This interesting bush variety produces a profusion of small violet flowers with contrasting cream stamens; perfect for beds and patio containers; non-vining, may benefit from staking or support from nearby plants

#### **Ornamental Features**

Violet Stardust Bush Clematis features delicate violet star-shaped flowers with blue overtones and creamy white eyes at the ends of the branches from late spring to late summer. It has green deciduous foliage. The compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Violet Stardust Bush Clematis is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a mounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub. It is a Type 2 clematis, which means it will bloom primarily on old wood of the previous season, with a second flush later in summer. Dead and weak vines should be removed in late winter, and remaining vines should be trimmed back to the first buds that are seen to remove dead stems. It is a good choice for attracting bees and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.



Violet Stardust Bush Clematis flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Violet Stardust Bush Clematis in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Violet Stardust Bush Clematis is recommended for the following landscape applications;



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- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

# **Planting & Growing**

Violet Stardust Bush Clematis will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Violet Stardust Bush Clematis makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.