

July's Plant of the Month: Imperial Blue Plumbago



Plumbago auriculata 'Imperial Blue' is a great semi-evergreen shrub with gorgeous blue flowers. In our area, it should be considered a tender perennial. Its blue-green foliage and wonderful blooms provide a great look in a container or when used as a sunny border.

Growth Habit: They can grow to be 6 feet tall by 8 feet wide and have a spreading form with long arching branches. The blooms are in clusters and they are showy all summer long into fall. In North Georgia, Plumbago can be over-wintered indoors or you can take your chances on it recovering from a dieback when planted outdoors.

Landscape Use and Merit: Imperial Blue Plumbago can be used in containers, trained to cover a trellis or pergola, in a sunny border, or even as a ground cover. They are most loved for their outstanding blue blooms that are great for attracting butterflies.

Growing Conditions: Prefer full sun, well drained but slightly acidic soils. They are known to have good drought tolerance.

Care: You can prune Imperial Blue Plumbago throughout the growing season to maintain desired shape.