

PETUNIA TIDAL WAVE® 'SILVER'
Petunia x hybrida Tidal Wave® 'Silver'



Characteristics

- Type: Annual
- Zone: 10 to 11
- Height: 16 to 22 inches
- Spread: 1.00 to 3.00 feet
- Bloom Time: May to frost
- Bloom Description: Silver with deep purple centers; purple
- Sun: Full sun
- Water: Medium
- Maintenance: Low
- Flower: Showy, Fragrant
- Attracts: Birds, Hummingbirds, Butterflies
- Tolerate: Humidity, heat, deer

Culture

Like the essence of moonlight, these silvery blooms with deep purple centers and wispy purple veining create a peaceful, elegant atmosphere in any setting. And "any setting" is just where you can grow them -- from containers to bedding to trellises to edging, Tidal Wave® Silver fits them all! Amazingly versatile, it is called a "hedgiflora" -- but many just call it "wonderful"! The blooms range from 2½ to 4 inches across, and some are deeply blushed with purple while others are nearly pure white. The silver tone is utterly unique, complementing other spreading Petunias very well and making a nice companion both to light- and dark-toned designs. These blooms aren't shrinking violets, either -- they stand up to summer storms beautifully, bouncing back from rain and wind without turning a petal! Expect a long summer season of bloom in the sunny yard or patio.

Noteworthy Characteristics

Unlike other petunias, gardeners can decide the height of the mature plant. Tidal Wave® 'Silver' can attain heights of 2 to 3 feet if spaced closely together, about 6 inches, and given support such as a trellis. If plants are spaced a foot apart, the mounded, hedge-like plants will reach 16 to 22 inches. Neither pinching nor pruning is needed for flowers all season. Exhibiting excellent botrytis resistance and rapid recovery in severe weather, Tidal Wave® Silver is also adaptable to container culture. Tidal Wave® Silver is a 2002 All-America Selection winner and Fleuroselect Quality Mark recipient, meaning that it has won the two highest honors available to any flowering seed variety! It should be the spreading Petunia of choice for gardeners looking for something a little distinctive in the garden.

Problems

No serious insect or disease problems. Botrytis resistance.

Garden Uses

Beds, borders, edging, or ground cover. Containers, window boxes, hanging baskets. Winter houseplant for sunrooms. Feed and water it well all season, and you will be rewarded with masses upon masses of moonlight-bright blooms.