

Supertunia

Petunia

Supertunia are treated as annuals in most areas but also as tender perennials in Zones 9 to 11. The flowers come in many colors and patterns, and bloom from spring until frost! These colorful annuals can really add pop and are often used as borders, containers, hanging baskets or even seasonal groundcover. Some even have a slight fragrance. These are low-growing but spread as much as 3 to 4 feet. They form a beautiful, colorful groundcover because the flowers form along the entire length of each stem. They can be used in window boxes or hanging baskets.

Hardiness Zones

USDA Hardiness Zones 9 -11 although they may over-winter in zones as cool as Zone 8 if they have some protection and the winter is mild. They are not frost tolerant but can take temps in high 30s once acclimated.

Sun Exposure/Watering

- Supertunias need full sun, or they will become spindly. They do not tend to flower in the shade. Supertunias are tolerant of heat, so you do not have to water them regularly. A thorough watering once a week should be sufficient (unless there are prolonged periods of drought in your area). Avoid watering shallowly as this encourages shallow roots.
 - Note: All spreading types of Petunias and those in containers require more frequent watering.

Mature Plant Size

In general, Height can vary from 6 inches to 18 inches. Spread can be from 18 inches to 4 feet

Bloom Period

Supertunias start blooming in spring and will repeat bloom until frost. Deadheading is normally not required.

Growing Tips

Supertunias prefer a slightly acid soil of about 5.8 to 6.5 but are tolerant of most soil types

Caring for Supertunias

Fertilize Supertunias monthly with a balanced fertilizer to support their rapid growth and heavy blooming. Double-flowered cultivars like a biweekly dose of fertilizer. Prune back hard in mid-summer if plants begin to get leggy

Pests & Problems of Supertunias

Supertunias have few serious insect or disease pests. Avoid wetting the foliage and flowers when watering to help prevent disease.