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# Supertunia® Black Cherry™ Petunia

Petunia 'USTUN3003'

Height: 10 inches Spread: 24 inches Spacing: 16 inches Sunlight: 0 0

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Supertunia Series

## **Description:**

This outstanding variety offers excellent garden performance, as well as in hanging baskets and patio containers; abundant medium to large flowers on densely branched plants; heat and drought tolerant; little to no maintenance

#### **Ornamental Features**

Supertunia Black Cherry Petunia is smothered in stunning dark red trumpet-shaped flowers with black streaks at the ends of the stems from mid spring to mid fall. Its pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Supertunia Black Cherry Petunia is a dense herbaceous annual with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.



Supertunia Black Cherry Petunia flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Supertunia Black Cherry Petunia in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds 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.

Supertunia Black Cherry Petunia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



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### **Planting & Growing**

Supertunia Black Cherry Petunia will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average conditions that are neither too wet nor too dry. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.

Supertunia Black Cherry Petunia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its trailing habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.