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**Essential™ Blackberry Nemesia**  
*Nemesia 'Essential Blackberry'*

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 8 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Essential

**Description:**

A well branched, compact variety with excellent heat tolerance; large blue-violet flowers with intense fragrance adds dimension to patio containers, borders and landscapes; quick and easy to grow

**Ornamental Features**

Essential Blackberry Nemesia features dainty spikes of fragrant royal blue pea-like flowers with violet overtones and yellow eyes at the ends of the stems from late spring to late summer. Its small pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Essential Blackberry Nemesia is a dense herbaceous annual with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and may require the occasional pruning to look its best. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Essential Blackberry Nemesia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets



*Essential Blackberry Nemesia flowers*  
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



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### Planting & Growing

Essential Blackberry Nemesia will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 8 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. 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 requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. 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.

Essential Blackberry Nemesia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

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