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Heat Tolerant





Keep Soil Evenly Moist



|< →| 30-40 cm

Wear gloves and wash hands after gardening

Aussie Winners[®] **Lobelia Lucia Dark Blue** will be available in all states.

Look for them in the distinctive aluminium coloured pots printed with the AW logo. For additional information go to our comprehensive web site on

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Lobelia 'Lucia' Dark Blue

Lobelia erinus

KEY BENEFITS

Lobelias are known for their diversity, it is a big family. *Lobelia erinus* and its many hybrids are used widely in gardens because of their bright colour in flower form and abundance. Aussie Winners selection, 'Lucia' Dark Blue is very floriferous in late winter and through spring into summer. The sparkling bright blue blooms smother the plants almost from planting time right through the season. The plant has a neat habit holding its form well. Flowering through into summer is often seen if light pruning is done to remove spent blooms which encourage new growth and flowering. Whilst *Lobelia erinus* grows well in cooler climates like the southern states of Australia and New Zealand 'Lucia' Dark Blue grows and flowers well in warmer areas of the country.

ORIGIN

Lobelias are native to North America, South America and Southern Africa but *Lobelia erinus* from which 'Lucia' Dark Blue is bred and selected is South African in origin. There are many selections of *Lobelia erinus* grown in gardens around the world. 'Lucia' Dark Blue is a must have for its heat tolerance, excellent habit and great flower colour.

USES

Lobelia 'Lucia' Dark Blue is ideal for massing with other low growing winter and spring colour in garden beds. It has a long flowering period so with its great bright blue colour compliments the white of Lobularia 'Snow Princess' when they are planted together. Plant into fertile soils which have been well prepared. Plant in full sun and keep plants well watered until they are established.

In gardens of today where garden pots are so popular in special places Lobelia 'Lucia' Dark Blue is a good choice. A potting media with good drainage but with water holding qualities is ideal. The bright blue flowers look the part near swimming pools and decks.

CARE

Location is the key to success with Lobelias. They need a well draining garden bed or container in full sun to part shade for some of the day. Keep the soils evenly moist and mulch to conserve moisture and keep the soil cooler. Once plants are established a regular but diluted liquid feeding programme every two weeks or so is beneficial. Insect pests and other diseases are not a serious problem. A light prune when plants are beginning to look a bit sad together with an application of a balanced fertilizer will promote new growth and another crop of flowers.

Another super selection for trouble free gardening from the team at Aussie Winners.