



## Phloxy Lady Purple Sky Annual Phlox Phlox 'Phloxy Lady Purple Sky'

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Phloxy Lady Series

## **Ornamental Features**

Phloxy Lady Purple Sky Annual Phlox is covered in stunning lavender star-shaped flowers with purple overtones, yellow eyes and a dark red flare at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early fall. Its small narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

## **Landscape Attributes**

Phloxy Lady Purple Sky Annual Phlox is an 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 should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Phloxy Lady Purple Sky Annual Phlox is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Phloxy Lady Purple Sky Annual Phlox flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Phloxy Lady Purple Sky Annual Phlox in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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## **Planting & Growing**

Phloxy Lady Purple Sky Annual Phlox 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 10 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 prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils. 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.

Phloxy Lady Purple Sky Annual Phlox 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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