



## Spreading Radiation Lantana

*Lantana montevidensis* 'Spreading Radiation'

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Other Names: L. sellowiana; Trailing Lantana

### Description:

This trailing variety produces a vibrant display of lilac-purple flowers with white centers; heat and drought tolerant; great for beds, borders, and containers

### Ornamental Features

Spreading Radiation Lantana features showy cymes of lilac purple flowers with purple overtones, orange eyes and white centers at the ends of the branches from late spring to mid fall. It has green evergreen foliage. The fuzzy pointy leaves remain green throughout the winter.

### Landscape Attributes

Spreading Radiation Lantana is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies 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.

Spreading Radiation Lantana is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Spreading Radiation Lantana flowers*  
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*Spreading Radiation Lantana in bloom*  
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## **Planting & Growing**

Spreading Radiation Lantana will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any 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 or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. 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.

Spreading Radiation Lantana makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its spreading 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 grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.