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# Nierembergia augusta ' Blue Skies' The Cup Flowers of Display Gardens.

N. gracilis and N. scoparia.

## **KEY BENEFITS**

Nierembergia 'Blue Skies' makes a show of beautiful blue flowers right through from the end of winter until the heat of summer arrives. They are ideal in massed planting or as specimens in garden pots. In cooler areas like in New Zealand and Australia's southern states 'Blue Skies' will bloom right through the summer also. Flowering is continuous, dead heading is not needed as the older flowers just disappear into the fine foliage without leaving any mess.

## **ORIGIN**

Nierembergias are members of the Solanaceae family and grow in nature from the countries of Central America . 'Blue Skies' is a hybrid selection from breeding work using progeny of hybrids of *N. gracilis* and *N. scoparia*.

#### **USES**

For a trouble free garden display where blue is the flower colour needed none can beat 'Blue Skies'. After planting, mulching to keep the garden soil moist and cool is beneficial. Used in massed planting in beds 'Blue Skies' makes a display to keep the cameras busy. We have grown them in larger garden pots in full sun with good results.

### **CARE**

Nierembergia 'Blue Skies' need full sun for best flowering. The garden bed or potting mix needs to be porous but moisture holding and have moderate fertility. Too much fertilizer aborts budding. The name 'Cup Flower' describes the flower shape. As 'Blue Skies' is a hybrid, seed set has not been observed in garden plantings in our research gardens. Every six to eight weeks give a light dressing of a diluted liquid fertilizer or a side dressing of Blood and Bone or equivalent. A light pruning may be needed if the plants stretch, fertilise and water well after the light prune to fill the plant out and encourage heavier flowering.

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

