



## **CATALINA**™ - A series of Torenia baillonii hybrids

## **INFO NOTE**

**Key** Plants that grow and flower as well in shade as in sunnier areas are few and far Benefits between. Catalina™ are low growing compact hybrids of Torenia baillonii and do as well in shade, semi-shade and even into full sun. Flower size is larger and brighter in shade. As we are always looking for plants that flower well in shade it is great that we have one series here that we can recommend. Plants grow to around 20cm in height. They grow well in decorator pots, garden beds and hanging baskets.

Origin

**Torenias**, in nature come from the warmer areas of Africa and Asia. There are some 50 species, named for Reverend Olaf of the Swedish East India Company in the mid 1700's. Some annual forms such as the fournieri hybrids have been used in European gardens since the 1800's. The perennial baillonii forms, sometimes called Wishbone flowers from which Viva Sol has been bred have not been in cultivation for as long. They are deservedly popular with gardeners.

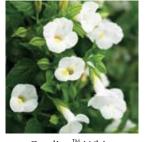
Splashes of colour are always welcoming. Use **Catalina™ Viva Sol** with it's vibrant golden yellow cap like flowers to good effect as low growing borders in gardens or pots near the home. On patios or near barbeques you could use Catalina™ Viva Sol in selected pots as part of your outdoor décor.

Reliable garden performance has given **Torenias** a well deserved reputation with home gardeners all over the world. Well draining soil, which holds moisture is best for their cultivation either in pots, baskets or garden beds. Prepare the media by adding compost and working it into the top soil. They are one of the few flowering plants that will do well and flower heavily in shade. Preferred position would be in partial shade. Weak applications of liquid fertilizer at monthly intervals throughout the season from September till May gives better growth, more flower and larger flower. Aside from an odd chewy grub we have not seen any real problems with insects or in fact other diseases.

Another superior proven selection from the team at Aussie Winners.









Catalina<sup>™</sup> Pink

Catalina<sup>™</sup> Midnight Blue

Catalina<sup>™</sup> White

These other Catalinas are coming soon from Aussie Winners®

Aussie Winners® Catalina™ 'Viva Sol' will be available from good garden centres in Australia and New Zealand. Look for them in the distinctive silver coloured pots printed with the AW logo. Torenia 'Viva Sol' is eligible for PBR. Commercial propagation prohibited.

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