

# Wild Petunia

*Ruellia humilis*



Light:	Full sun
Soil:	Loam, Sand
Moisture:	Dry, Medium
Benefits:	Birds, Hummingbirds, Pollinators, Deer Resistant
Height:	1' to 2'
Blooms:	June, July, August
Zones:	4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Color:	Lavender
Spacing:	1'
Root:	Taproot



This rare sweetie plant is native to downstate Michigan, location of the state's last remnant prairies. Its charming, fluted flowers appear in mid-summer in our area and bloom intermittently until fall.

A good plant for the front of the border, it sometimes takes awhile to emerge, so be patient. It's a good companion for other low-growing plants. While wild petunia can hold its own against aggressors, it is not especially pushy. It's great in rock gardens but also does quite well in loamy conditions.

*Ruellia humilis* is a host plant for caterpillars of the Common Buckeye butterfly (*Junonia coenia*) and the White Peacock (*Anartia jatrophae*) butterfly.

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