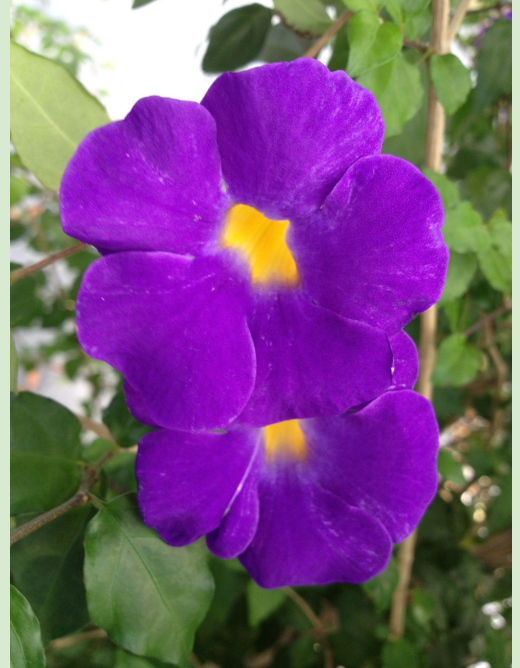


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A Gift from Our Garden

Botanical Name	Thunbergia erecta
Common Name	Purple King's Mantle
Mature Size	6 ft.
Bloom Color	Purple
Bloom Period	Late Spring to Fall
Bloom Form	Tubular Trumpet Shaped
Water	Moderate
Light	Full Sun to Light Shade
Fragrance	Light
Uses	Hedge, Specimen
Special Features	Easy to grow, Profuse, Perpetual Bright Color
USDA Hardiness	9, 10, 11



***Thunbergia erecta* or King's Mantle** is among our favorite old homestead plants. It grows up into a fairly large upright dense fat multi-stemmed shrub with a mature height of about 6 to 8 feet, if left unpruned. It is a tough, resilient plant that is easy to grow.

Small, shiny, deep olive toned green leaves grow dense and tight to the stems and bears a profusion of tubular shaped flowers begin to show in the late spring and appear continuously until late fall. The common name '*King's Mantle*' denotes the bright, royal purple color of the flower in the purple cultivar. We grow both the purple and the white.

This plant has many versatile and interesting uses in the tropical to sub-tropical landscape. It makes an excellent large hedge or boundary planting, a background in mixed perennial beds, works well as a transitional accent. The flexible multiple stems can be woven together to form interesting topiary and column shapes.

Find another starter size **Purple King's Mantle** on our website and skip the wait to maturity on your starter plug!

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For quick answers to your growing or planting questions, just email us at service@emeraldgoddessgardens.com

If you don't know your USDA Planting Zone, you can check the map on our website site at emeraldgoddessgardens.com

Please accept this gift from our garden:

- It is sent with our thanks, and in an effort to keep the old tradition of pass-along plants alive.
- We understand that it might not be a plant you like, or even have a spot for. If that should be the case, then please pass it along to a friend. (Along with our contact information, we hope!)
- We change the type of plant that we enclose frequently, so you can anticipate a new surprise with each new order.
- *Enjoy, and please come back often!*

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Care of your starter plant:

Direct planting of starter plugs directly into landscaped is not recommended. So, for the best results with your new starter plug, we suggest that it be repotted into a larger pot and allowed to grow larger until the new pot is filled with roots before setting out.

- Immediately re-pot the new plant into a 6-8 inch diameter pot that can drain easily and thoroughly.
- Use a good quality commercial potting media.
- Apply a high quality, **slow release** plant food according to the label directions.
- Locate so that the plant can receive direct, full spectrum, light for several hours daily, but is protected from hot, direct afternoon sun.
- If reusing the crystals, mix and incorporate them thoroughly throughout the potting media.
- Be sure the pot can drain and that the bottom of the pot does not sit submerged in water for more than a day
- Supplement feed with a water soluble plant food every 2-3 weeks according to the label directions.
- Prune or pinch lightly and often when the plant is young and actively growing to strength the central stalk and encourage branching and build uniform shape.
- Monitor for signs of disease or insects and treat accordingly
- Protect from freeze and frost
- Allow the new plot to fill with roots before setting out in the landscape in the recommended USDA Zone Range for the plant.