

ANNUAL PROPAGATION **LOBELIA BELLA**

Lobelia erinus



TRAY & ROOTING

Form	Vegetative Cutting (URC)
Rooting Hormone?	No
Tray Size	
Plants Per Cell	1
Days In Mist	8-12
Wks. From Stick To Transplant	3-4
Propagation Pinch?	No
Weeks To Pinch	3

FERTILITY

Fertilize Through Mist?	None
Fertilizer Rate	50-100ppm N
EC Range	Low: (0.8-2.0 mS via SME)
pH Range	5.4-5.8

TEMPERATURE

Average Soil Temp	20-23°C
Average Air Temp (Day)	24-27°C
Average Air Temp(Night)	20-22°C

IRRIGATION

Irrigation Frequency	Level 4: Keep media moderately moist at all times
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LIGHT

Daylength Neutral?	Yes
Supplemental	None
Benefits From Shade?	No

POTENTIAL DISEASES

Pythium, Root Rot

POTENTIAL PESTS

Fungus Gnats, Whiteflies

PGR SUGGESTIONS

- Ethephon

CULTIVAR LIST

Azure, Aqua, Bianca, Cielo 2018, Mare, Oceano, Rosa 2018



TIPS

- Cuttings should be stuck upon arrival. However, cuttings can be stored overnight at 7-10°C if sticking must be delayed.
- Cuttings may require night misting during the first 8 days of propagation. Excess misting leaches nutrients, mist just enough to prevent wilt. Mist frequently at low volumes for short periods of time.
- To improve root establishment, use bottom heat to maintain root zone temperatures between 20-23°C.
- Cuttings should be propagated in a well-drained rooting medium with good aeration. A preventative Previcur drench is suggested to reduce the incidence of Pythium.
- Use a low ammonium and phosphorus-

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ANNUAL FINISHING **LOBELIA BELLA**

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CONTAINER SIZE	PLANTS PER POT	TRANSPLANT TO FINISH (WEEKS)
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10-12 cm **1** **7-10**

13-15 cm **2-3** **7-10**

15 cm and up **3-4** **8-11**

FERTILITY

Fertilizer Rate **150-200 ppm N**

EC Range **Moderate: (2.0-3.5 mS via SME)**

pH Range **5.6-6.2**

TEMPERATURE

Day Temperature **20-24°C**

Night Temperature **18-23°C**

IRRIGATION

Irrigation Frequency **Level 4: Keep media moderately moist at all times**

LIGHT

Daylength Neutral? **Yes**

Optimum Light Level **4,000-8,000 fc (43,100-86,100 lux)**

Supplemental **None**

Benefits From Shade? **No**

PINCHING

Finishing Pinch? **Optional**

Transplant to Pinch (days) **As needed to shape**

POTENTIAL DISEASES

Pythium, Root Rot

POTENTIAL PESTS

Fungus Gnats, Whiteflies

PGR SUGGESTIONS

- Bella Lobelia generally does not require PGR applications. 1 to 2 spray applications of Daminozide can be used for growth control when needed.



TIPS

- Although Lobelia should not be allowed to dry-out, overwatering causes poor growth and root diseases. Protective fungicide drenches help to prevent root rot.
- A 3-1-1.5 ratio of N-P-K fertilizers works well. A chelated iron application may be needed to supply additional iron during production.
- Lighting plants (10pm to 2am) from transplant until week 12 will result in faster and earlier flowering. Once buds are visible, long days are not required.
- Grow time angles in weeks are related to growing conditions; for Southern high-light climates, use the minimum weeks For Northern low-light climates, use the maximum weeks.
- Grow in full sunlight with no shading. Low light reduces flowering and plant quality.

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FEATURES AND BENEFITS

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KEY INFORMATION

Primary Common Name	Lobelia
Consumer Watering Instructions	Keep soil evenly moist, but not saturated.
Bloom Time	Blooms Spring to Autumn
Exposure	Full Sun to Part Shade
Height	15-30 cm
Garden Spacing	20-30 cm

DESCRIPTION

A low-growing cool season annual that has a soft wispy texture and a great quantity of blooms. It adds volume to a mixed container or garden space without adding mass.



CONSUMER APPEAL

- A customer favorite, our Bella Lobelia boast great flower power plus excellent branching and growth habit.
- Attractive to pollinators. Resistant to deer.
- Through an intensive breeding program, our Bella series has become more heat tolerant than older-type Lobelia. If well-established and kept well-watered, Bella will

GARDEN ATTRIBUTES

- Blues, purples, pinks, and platinum's make this a well-rounded series great for hanging baskets, containers, and border landscape plantings.
- Prefers consistently moist soils. Can tolerate clay soils.



NATIVITY

Southern Africa including Mawi, Nambia, and the Republic

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