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Tibouchina *Tibouchina urvilleana*

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<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 16, 17, 21-24, H1, H2	Partial shade in the hottest climates	Prefers slightly acidic, fast draining soil	Regular watering	Brilliant royal purple 3 inch flowers appear intermittently from late spring into winter	5-18 feet

This tender evergreen is a vigorous grower that forms majestic mounds of handsome foliage that is covered during the warm months with big beautiful bluish purple flowers. The princess flower is one of my favorite flowering shrubs and virtually everyone who encounters it falls for the princess flower. The numerous slender stems are rather vine-like and grow to about 15 ft (4.6 m) in length sprawling in all directions to create 10-12 ft (3-3.7 m) mounds unless pruned into more compact shapes. The simple leaves are velvety green and often tinged with red and are lighter on the undersides. They are large and coarse and 2-4 in (7.6-13 cm) long and 1-1.5 in (2.5-3.8 cm) wide with 3 to 5 midribs running the length. Princess flower blooms heavily in summer and sporadically throughout the year. The brilliant purple flowers are 3 in (7.6 cm) in diameter and so vividly colored they appear fluorescent.