

232. *Pontederia cordata*

pickerel weed

Pontederiaceae(L12)



Basic ID *purple flowers with narrow head leaf*

Zone: 3 to 10

Type: herbaceous perennial

Height and spread: 4 ft/2 ft

Bloom time: June to October (*long bloom*)

Evergreen/deciduous: deciduous

Flower & Fall color: Soft blue

Leaf arrangement/Foliage: Glossy, narrow, arrowhead-shaped green leaves have rounded cordate bases and rise well above the water surface

Flower/cone/fruit description(s): Fruit: Showy, Edible. Tiny, tubular soft blue flowers are densely packed into erect, 3-6" long spikes atop flower stalks typically rising 1-2' above the water surface.

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Common: *good in group plant*

Tough: Full sun

Maintenance: Medium

Light: sun

Water use: Wet

Soil requirement: mud

Maintenance advice: N/A

Disease: no serious, Watch for spider mites

Invasive/poisonous: *rhizomes* can spread rapidly too form colonies

Easy to be noticed: easy

Usages

Useful cultivars and selections in Vancouver: "N/A"

Plant design combination: single

Suggested plant area: *Water Plant, Naturalize*, Rain Garden. Water or bog gardens. Pond edges. Large containers or tubs

Texture: showy

Form: upright

Special usages in landscape: *Attracts: Butterflies/Seeds are edible/Very young leaves can be used as salad greens/Fish may seek shelter*