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### ***Gynura aurantiaca* - "Purple Passion"**

Gynura is a genus of flowering plants in the daisy family Asteraceae. This plant is commonly known as "purple passion" and "Louisiana Velvet" because of the trailing, velvety purple leaves. Gynura's bold color and unique texture provide a nice contrast among the green leafy plants. Clusters of tiny orange-yellow flowers appear in the fall but may not appear without sufficient sunlight.

**Light:** full sun to part sun

**Water:** Keep evenly moist, reducing water slightly in winter if dictated by environment and growth habit.

**Environment:** Purple Passions like warm temperatures, avoid any cool drafts or chilled rooms. A little extra humidity plus air circulation is key to keeping its leaves looking their best.

**Toxicity:** Reported to be non-toxic, however can encourage some allergies, so it's best to handle with a little caution and avoid any ingestion.

**Habit / Size:** stems can grow straight up to reclining/vining. Stems can grow up to 6' long at maturity.

#### **Of Note:**

- Propagation: by cuttings - This is a simple and effective way to create more plant for yourself or to share!
- Native to southeast Asia

\*When planting in a pot without a drainage hole, help avoid over watering by estimating 25% of the container's overall volume, with appropriate drainage materials incorporated when planting.