

Butterfly Clerodendrum



Clerodendrum ugandense

- **Use:** Sky blue flowers looking like butterflies - unusual color for tropics. It has been cultivated in botanical gardens for almost 100 years, but has only recently been considered as flowering pot plant. Pest free.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Part sun-shade. Water freely in growth but reduce watering in winter.
- **Growth:** It is a fast growing plant which in nature grows to 6-9 ft, but is easily kept much smaller. Prune back as needed to keep it in bushy shape. Cut back the old wood to a pair of buds to improve flowering. In areas that get frost, you can get the most consistent flowering by growing it in a large pot that can be brought indoors when temperatures approach freezing.
- **Hardiness:** 9-11, Annual, Houseplant. Bring inside in winter
- **Foliage:** Elongated leaves have slight scent.
- **Flower:** The irregular flowers are bright blue, in two different shades of blue and are produced more or less continuously throughout the summer and fall. Flowers have long purple anthers which bend elegantly upwards.