

# Arkansas Diamonds Plants: 'Luscious<sup>®</sup> Passionfruit' Lantana (*Lantana camara* 'Ballanpaf')

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## Quick Facts:

**Recommended Use:** Mass planting, seasonal color beds, containers, cascading accents

**Exposure:** Full Sun

**Mature Size:** 18- 30 inches tall, 24-36 inches wide

**Growth Habit:** Mounding to spreading

**Season of interest:** Late Spring through frost

**Maintenance Level:** Low

**Water Needs:** Low to Moderate once established

## Arkansas Performance

**Highlights:** exceptional heat tolerance, drought resilience, continuous flowering through summer, strong multi-color display

## Summary

'Luscious<sup>®</sup> Passionfruit' lantana is valued for its vibrant blend of purple, lavender, and soft yellow blooms that create a multi-tonal display throughout the growing season. The mounding, spreading growth habit and steady flower production make it

*Lantana camara* 'Ballanpaf'



a dependable choice for extended summer color in Arkansas landscapes.

In full sun conditions, this cultivar maintains consistent flowering during prolonged periods of high heat and humidity common across the state. Once established, plants demonstrate good tolerance to short-term drought and perform reliably in exposed sites with intense sunlight and reflected heat. Flowering begins in late Spring and continues until frost with minimal intervention.

The spreading habit allows this lantana to efficiently fill landscape beds, making it especially effective in mass plantings where bold, season-long color is desired.

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## Arkansas Performance Notes:

'Luscious® Passionfruit' is well-suited to Arkansas' warm growing season and high summer temperatures. When planted in well-drained soils in full sun, especially in central and southern Arkansas, plants continue flowering through extended 90 °F conditions.

In north Arkansas, lantana should be treated as a summer annual. In Zone 8 or warmer areas, some root survival may occur in mild winters if soils are well-drained, though consistent overwintering is not guaranteed.

This cultivar tolerates reflected heat from pavement and performs well in commercial and residential landscapes with limited maintenance.

## Cultural Requirements:

- Plant in full sun for maximum flowering and compact growth.
- Requires well-drained soil; avoid heavy, poorly drained sites.
- Tolerates lean soils but benefits from moderate fertility.
- Avoid excessive irrigation once established.

## Growth and Landscape Use:

- Space plants 18-24 inches apart to allow spreading.

- Hardy in USDA zones 8-11; treat as an annual in Zone 7.
- Ideal for mass plantings, borders, large containers, and cascading over walls or raised beds.
- Effective in high-visibility areas where continuous summer color is needed.

Its spreading habit makes it useful for covering open soil areas while maintaining a strong floral display throughout the season.

## Care and Maintenance:

- Incorporate a slow-release fertilizer at planting.
- Avoid overfertilization, which may reduce bloom production.
- Light shearing mid-season can rejuvenate plants and promote a fresh flush of growth and flowers.
- Water during prolonged drought but avoid constant soil saturation.

Lantana is generally durable in Arkansas landscapes. Occasional issues may include spider mites during hot, dry periods and whiteflies in container production settings. Root rot may occur in poorly drained soils. Proper drainage and full sun exposure are essential for maintaining plant health and consistent flowering.

