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Black petunia this summer's surprise hit



Every year, there is one plant that seems to take gardeners by surprise and become the hit flower of summer. This year, the world's first black petunia, 'Black Velvet', developed by Ball horticultural in Chicago, is what the nursery industry calls the top "sleeper" plant - the one that no one expected to be as popular as it has turned out to be. But another variety of the black petunia, a variegated one with a yellow star pattern, is also flying off the shelves. "People love it," says Scott Pearce, sales manager at GardenWorks in Burnaby. "We don't have many but they customers have been snapping them up the moment they see them. It is definitely the sleeper plant of this year. We are using in some planters for special clients."



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