

# ILLUSION® AND SWEET CAROLINE

*Ipomoea batatas*



ILLUSION® Emerald Lace  
*Ipomoea batatas* 'NCOINSP-012EMLC' USPPAF CanPBRAF

The Sweet Potato Vine has become a gardener's favorite because of the variety it adds in color and form. However, its rapid growth can also be overpowering in the garden. Our new Illusion line adds a unique leaf form in Sweet Potato Vines with a more controlled growth habit. Both Midnight Lace and Emerald Lace are mounding growers that have very compact, very dense, lacy foliage, which will not overrun the garden or containers. These are showy plants that will behave themselves on the retail bench. The popular Sweet Caroline varieties now have the power of the Proven Winners brand behind them.

#### **Growing Tips:**

Ornamental Sweet potatoes are easily grown in almost any soil type from Canada to the Deep South. They have few pests or diseases and generally are trouble free. Warmer temperatures and regular feeding with a balanced fertilizer will help to produce the most attractive plants. They are easy to grow and are a perfect contrast plant to use as a standalone or to highlight other plants

in the garden. Illusions and Sweet Caroline varieties are more vigorous in full sun but still a beautiful addition to a partial shade garden. In higher elevations where sunlight is more intense, plants usually prefer a little afternoon shade, especially if daytime temperatures are also high. In lower elevations or the Deep South, plants will do fine in full sun and partial shade.

**Exposure:** Sun or partial shade

**Height:** 6-10"

**Spacing:** 10-12"

**Hardy Temp:** 35°F (2°C)

#### **Uses:**

Use in combinations, window boxes, hanging baskets, and landscaping.

#### **Features:**

A great foliage component plant in combinations; excellent heat tolerance and good vigor; great also as an annual groundcover.

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## Green Selections



'Sweet Caroline Sweetheart Light Green'  
*Ipomoea batatas* USPP18572 Can2901



'Sweet Caroline Green Yellow'  
*Ipomoea batatas* USPP18673 Can2903



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*Ipomoea batatas* USPP18572 Can2901



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## Black/Purple Selections



'Sweet Caroline Bewitched Improved'  
*Ipomoea batatas* "NCORNSP-014BWPI" USPPAF CanPBRAF



'Sweet Caroline Sweetheart Purple'  
*Ipomoea batatas* USPP18573 Can2902

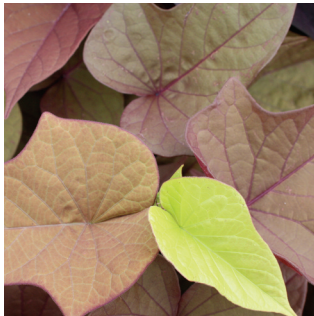


'Sweet Caroline Raven'  
*Ipomoea batatas* "NCORNSP-015SCR" USPPAF CanPBRAF



ILLUSION® Midnight Lace  
*Ipomoea batatas* "NCORNSP-011MDNTLC" USPPAF CanPBRAF

## Red Selections



'Sweet Caroline Sweetheart Red'  
*Ipomoea batatas* USPP19013 Can2904



'Sweet Caroline Bronze'  
*Ipomoea batatas* USPP15437 Can2973



'Sweet Caroline Red'  
*Ipomoea batatas* USPP17483 Can2976



ILLUSION® Garnet Lace  
*Ipomoea batatas* "NCORNSP-013GNLC" USPPAF CanPBRAF

## Growing Tips for ILLUSION® and Sweet Caroline

- Needs 200-250 ppm fertilizer for optimal growth.
- Keep air circulation up and foliage dry. Prolonged wet foliage may lead to bacterial leaf spotting.
- Use 2500 ppm of B-9 to maintain shape on 4.5".
- Water 'Sweet Caroline Green Yellow' for spider mites.

## Additional Culture Information for ILLUSION® and Sweet Caroline

pH/EC:	6.0 - 6.5/ .6 - .9
Growing Temperature:	65-72°/65-72°
Holding Temperature:	50-60° outdoors
Water Requirements:	Moderate to Moist
Planting and Timing:	Spring to Summer Finish. Standard Plants Per Pot.
Finish Times in Weeks:	For 4-5", 4-6; for 6"/gallon, 5-7; for 8", 7-9; for 10-12", 10-12
Spring Outdoor Finish:	Last to go outside

### Notes:

For Illusions, no pinch is necessary but, Sumagic spray helps compact growth.  
For Sweet Caroline varieties, pinch once, 2 weeks after liner planting.  
PGRs are not necessary.

