



Elin Meadow Rue

Thalictrum 'Elin'

Plant Height: 6 feet

Flower Height: 8 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 30 inches

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Description:

A fine selection with lush green, foliage arising in spring; stately tall stems topped with lavender buds, producing masses of white flowers; lovely massed along borders; will readily naturalize

Ornamental Features

Elin Meadow Rue has masses of beautiful panicles of white flowers rising above the foliage from early to mid summer, which emerge from distinctive lavender flower buds, and which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its lobed leaves emerge chartreuse in spring, turning grayish green in color with hints of blue throughout the season. The purple stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Elin Meadow Rue is an herbaceous perennial with a rigidly upright and towering form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Elin Meadow Rue is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens



Elin Meadow Rue in bloom
 Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Planting & Growing

Elin Meadow Rue will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity extending to 8 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 30 inches apart. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 2 feet from the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.