Canary Island Lavender

Lavandula canariensis

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A beautiful and unique, mildly fragrant flowering shrub, featuring fine-textured, ferny green foliage; violet-blue flowers appear year-round on branched stems above the foliage; great for containers, or hot, dry situations

Ornamental Features

Canary Island Lavender has masses of beautiful spikes of lightly-scented violet flowers with blue overtones rising above the foliage from early winter to late fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its attractive small deeply cut ferny pinnately compound leaves emerge chartreuse in spring, turning forest green in color the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

Canary Island Lavender is a dense multi-stemmed annual with a mounded 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 can be pruned at anytime. 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. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Canary Island Lavender is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Canary Island Lavender flowers
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Canary Island Lavender in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Canary Island Lavender will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America..

Canary Island Lavender is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.