Blue Torch Fernleaf Lavender

Lavandula multifida 'Blue Torch'

Height: 28 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Egyptian Lavender, California Lavender

Description:

A beautiful and aromatic flowering plant covered with violet-blue flowers through summer; delicate, fine-textured, ferny foliage; excellent choice for low informal hedging, borders and formal gardens; not recommended for culinary use

Ornamental Features

Blue Torch Fernleaf Lavender has masses of beautiful spikes of fragrant blue flowers with violet overtones rising above the foliage from late spring to mid fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive fragrant ferny pinnately compound leaves emerge light green in spring, turning grayish green in color. The foliage often turns coppery-bronze in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Blue Torch Fernleaf Lavender is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Blue Torch Fernleaf Lavender is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Blue Torch Fernleaf Lavender in bloom
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Blue Torch Fernleaf Lavender flowers
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Planting & Growing

Blue Torch Fernleaf Lavender will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

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, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Blue Torch Fernleaf Lavender is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. 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.