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***Delphinium grandiflorum 'Diamonds Blue'***



*Diamonds Blue Delphinium flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 20 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Other Names: Dwarf Larkspur

**Description:**

Magnificent variety displays electric blue flowers on a mounded plant; a perfect selection for smaller places in the garden, put in containers and along borders

**Ornamental Features**

Diamonds Blue Delphinium has masses of beautiful panicles of blue flowers with violet overtones at the ends of the stems from early summer to early fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its crinkled ferny compound leaves remain dark green in colour throughout the season.



*Diamonds Blue Delphinium flowers*
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**Landscape Attributes**

Diamonds Blue Delphinium is an herbaceous 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 plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects
- Disease
- Self-Seeding

Diamonds Blue Delphinium is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



*Diamonds Blue Delphinium in bloom*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Planting & Growing**

Diamonds Blue Delphinium will grow to be about 16 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 3 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. 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.

Diamonds Blue Delphinium 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. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.