



Dwarf Silver Lavender

Lavandula angustifolia 'Dwarf Silver'

Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 8 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: 

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: English Lavender, Common Lavender

Description:

This dwarf variety is small enough to fit into a rock garden, perfect for edging perennial borders or herb gardens; develops a dense silvery mound of gray-green foliage, producing volumes of lavender-purple flowers in summer

Ornamental Features

Dwarf Silver Lavender has masses of beautiful spikes of fragrant lavender flowers with purple overtones rising above the foliage from early to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has attractive grayish green foliage with hints of silver. The fragrant needles are highly ornamental and turn coppery-bronze in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Dwarf Silver Lavender is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, 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.

Dwarf Silver Lavender is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Dwarf Silver Lavender flowers
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Dwarf Silver Lavender in bloom
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- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Dwarf Silver Lavender will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 8 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub 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. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. 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. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Dwarf Silver Lavender makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.