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Morello Hyssop

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Morello Hyssop

Agastache 'Morello'

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Anise Hyssop, Licorice Mint, Hummingbird Mint

Description:

Amazing, large and dense spikes of deep burgundy rose from spring through fall; aromatic, licorice scented foliage turns dark in cooler temperatures; a favorite for butterflies, bees and hummingbirds; good mildew tolerance

Ornamental Features

Morello Hyssop features airy spikes of lightly-scented rose tubular flowers with burgundy calyces rising above the foliage from late spring to mid fall, which emerge from distinctive dark red flower buds. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive fragrant narrow leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Morello Hyssop is an open herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds 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.

Morello Hyssop is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Morello Hyssop flowers
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Morello Hyssop in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Morello Hyssop will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 inches. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing 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, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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.

Morello Hyssop is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use 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.