

Eryngium planum ***Blue Hobbit***

Flat Sea Holly

Culture guide

Uses:

plants for the border, attractive for bees and butterflies

Exposure:

Sun

Garden height:

12" / 30 cm

Crop time:

10-12 months

Sow time:

November-March for green pots,
July-September for flowering in pots the following year

Sowing method:

4-5 seeds per plug

Germination:

Germinate at 62-75 °F (22-24 °C) for 7-10 days under lights.

Sow in a well-drained media and cover lightly.

Growing On:

Transplant into well-drained media with pH of 5.5 to 6.5. Grow on at 60-70 °F (15-21 °C). Fertilize at 50-100 ppm nitrate nitrogen after initial transplant increasing to 100-150 ppm once plants are well established.

Media:

Use a well-drained, growing perennial substrate, pH: 6.0-7.5. Field: humus, sandy loamy soils with good drainage.

Temperature:

Grow at 15-18 °C or outdoors. In winter indoors frost free at 3-5 °C or outdoors. Outdoor fleece cover needed. In spring the plants start to grow at 12-18 °C or outdoors at ambient conditions. The containers can be stored in cold storage at -1 °C and set up in intervals for forcing afterwards.

Fertilization:

High fertilization levels are required.