

Lavandula angustifolia ***Hidcote Blue***

True Lavender

Culture guide

Uses:

Plants for border and open positions, ornamental leaf plant, aromatic plant, medicinal plant, pot and container plants, plants attractive for bees, extensive roof planting

Exposure:

Sun

Garden height:

12" / 30 cm

Crop time:

10-12 months

Sow time:

January-March for green pots, June-August for flowering in pots the following year

Sowing method:

1-2 seeds per plug

Germination:

Germinates in 14-20 days at 65-72 °F (18-22 °C). Light is required for germination. Treated ApeX seed increases germination percentages over that of raw seed.

Growing On:

Transplant plugs after 9 weeks. Grow on at 55-65 °F (12-18 °C) in an alkaline medium.

Vernalization is required for flower initiation. After vernalization, begin forcing plants at temperatures of 60-65 °F (15-18 °C) for 6-7 weeks under long days to promote flowering.

Media:

Use a well-drained, growing perennial substrate with 0-15 % clay, 0-15 % parts (e.g. perlite, sand, bark), 1-2 kg/m³ complete balanced fertilizer, 0-2 kg/m³ slow release fertilizer (3-9 months), iron-chelate, micronutrients, pH: 5.8-7.0.

Temperature:

Grow at 12-21 °C or outdoors. A forcing in spring with warm temperatures need high light intensity and decreases the cultivation time.

Fertilization:

Moderate fertilization levels are required.