

# Delphinium elatum Magic Fountains Sky

## Blue White Bee

Item no.: K2500

### **Crop Time**

Spring: 18 - 22 weeks

### **Height**

105cm

### **Exposure**

Sun - Partial shade

### **Seed Form**

Raw Seed

### **Hardiness Zone**

3b-7b

### **Best Uses**

Bedding, Cutflower, Landscape

## **Culture guide**

### **Usage**

Background plant, cut flower

### **Sow time**

January – February

## **Sowing method**

2-3 seeds per plug

## **Germination**

12-18 days at 70-75 °F (21-24 °C), in media with low soluble salt levels and pH 5.5-6.5. Cover seed with vermiculite, sand or substrate after sowing. Keep soil slightly moist but not wet.

## **Growing on**

4-6 weeks after sowing transplant 1 plant into a pot 3-4" (8-10 cm) and 4-6 weeks later transplant into a container 1,5-2,5 gallon (5-10 l). For flowering pot production ensure good pot size, to encourage root growth, thus improving plant quality. Plant cut flowers in 10 x 10" (25 x 25 cm) space (annual production) or 20 x 20" (50 x 50 cm (perennial production)). Strain wires alongside the plants for the spikes.

## **Media**

Use a well-drained, growing substrate with 10-30 % clay, 0-15 % parts (e.g. bark, sand, perlite), 1-2 kg /m<sup>3</sup>, complete balanced fertilizer. 2-4 kg/m<sup>3</sup> slow release fertilizer (3-9 months), iron-chelate, micronutrients, pH 5.5-6.5. Field: well-drained, moderate nutrition supply, humus, loamy soils.

Standard fertilization: 60-80 g/m<sup>2</sup> slow release fertilizer (potassium balanced). Do not improve the soil with peat. Keep the soil open.

## **Temperature**

Grow at 59-64,5 °F (15-18 °C) or outdoors. In winter indoors frost free at 37,5-41 °F (3-5 °C) or outdoors. Outdoor fleece cover and dry substrate needed. In spring the plants start to grow for 10-12 weeks at 59-64,5 °F (15-18 °C). A chilling period for flower initiation is not required.

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Stage I Starts with the radicle breaking through the testa. The roots are touching the medium. Ends with fully developed cotyledons.

Stage II Starts from fully developed cotyledons. Ends with the fully developed true leaf or true leaf pair.

Stage III Starts from the fully developed true leaf or true leaf pair and ends with 80% of the young plants being marketable.

Stage IV All young plants are ready for sale and in the process of being hardened off. This stage lasts about 7 days.

The cultural recommendations are based on results from trials conducted under Central European conditions. Different conditions in other parts of the world may lead to deviations in results achieved.