

# Salvia farinacea Victoria Blue

Item no.: V0741

## Crop Time

Spring: 12 - 20 weeks

## Height

53cm

## Exposure

Sun - Partial shade

## Seed Form

Raw Seed

## Best Uses

Bedding, Landscape, Pot Plant

## Culture guide

### Usage

Plant for bedding, pot and container plant for patio, cut flower production

### Sow time

December-April for flowering in pots from April onwards; May-June for flowering in pots from August onwards

### Sowing method

2-3 seeds per plug, sowing directly into pot is recommended

## **Germination**

5-10 days at 72-76 °F (22-24 °C) in a media with very low soluble salt levels. Light aids germination and uniformity of germination. Keep soil uniformly moist but not wet; keep relative humidity levels near 95 %.

## **Growing on**

Transplant into pack, pots or larger containers with a well-drained media. Avoid high fertilization levels until plants have rooted out into the pot. Finish at 60-65 °F (15-18 °C).

## **Media**

Use a well-drained, growing perennial substrate with 0-15 % clay, 0-15 % parts (e. g. bark, wood fibres, perlite), 1-3 kg/m<sup>3</sup> complete balanced fertilizer, 0-2 kg/m<sup>3</sup> slow release fertilizer (3-6 months), iron-chelate, micronutrients, pH: 5.5-6.5. Field: humus, loamy soils with good drainage. Standard fertilization: 50-80 g/m<sup>2</sup> of a slow release fertilizer.

## **Temperature**

Grow at 14-16 °C. When the buds are visible, the temperature should be decreased to 14 °C. *Salvia farinacea* does not tolerate frost.

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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.