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Salvia x superba

Adora

- With a dense, clumping habit and a profusion of flower spikes, growers will adore the Salvia Adora
- Deep, violet blue flower petals unfold on upright flower spikes
- What makes this Salvia even more unique are the large number of vibrant blue flowers that occur the first year from seed
- A dense branching habit and multiple flower stems offer a vast array of color from May through June
- This unique specimen is sure to draw attention in the container, as well as the garden
- Flowering early the first year without vernalization, Adora offers growers quick and economical production
- Fits in with annual production in the early spring, and also with traditional flowering perennial production for the later summer months
- Offers unique beauty in mixed combination pots or as border planting in any stylish garden setting
- Pair with Gaillardia Arizona Sun and Lobelia Fan® for a vibrant landscape display

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Crop Time

Spring: 12 - 14 weeks

Height

14 ? / 35 cm

Exposure

Sun - Partial shade

Seed Form

Raw Seed

Heat Zone

12 - 1

Hardiness Zone

4 - 7

Best Uses

Bedding, Landscape

Culture guide

Usage

Pot, mixed combinations, bedding

Sow time

January-March for flowering pots from May onwards; August-October for flowering pots the following year

Sowing method

1-3 seeds per plug

Germination

Germinates in 14-20 days at 70-75 °F (21-24 °C). Cover seed lightly with vermiculite after sowing.

Growing on

Transplant plugs after 7 weeks. Transplant 1 plug per 4" (10 cm) pot and 2-3 plugs per 6" (15 cm) or gallon pot. Grow on at 60-65 °F (15-18 °C) in a well-drained, alkaline medium.

Vernalization is not required for flower initiation.

Media

Use a well-drained perennial substrate pH 6.0-7.5

Temperature

Grow at 10-18 °C or outdoors

Fertilization

Moderate to high fertilization levels are required.

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.

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