Lavandula angustifolia

(Common or English Lavender)

Lavender produces gray foliage and purple flowers. The lavender-blue flowers form on loose spikes. Most plants are 0.5-1 m tall and 0.5 m in spread. Soft leaves are borne on erect, square, hairy stems. It has a strong scent and small leaves .The plant is a perennial in the northern part of its range .The plants grow best in a sunny location in a dry, somewhat infertile soil. Lavenders are widely grown as ornamentals; they are tidy, low-maintenance plants that serve well as borders, knots, in rock gardens, and with roses. They are very sensitive to pH, which should be kept above 6. The oil of lavender is a mainstay in perfumery, and the fragrance is widely used in soaps and cosmetics. Flowers for drying must be harvested before opening. Cultivars with pink, blue, lavender or white flowers also exist..



Landscape Information

French Name: Lavande à feuilles aigues Lavender :Arabic Name Pronounciation: lav-AN-dew-lah an-gus-tee-FOH-lee-uh Plant Type: Shrub Origin: Southern Europe, North Africa Heat Zones: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 Hardiness Zones: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Uses: Hedge, Border Plant, Mass Planting, Container, Edible, Medicinal, Wildlife, Reclamation, Ground cover

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Slow Tree Shape: oval Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical Canopy Density: Medium Canopy Texture: Fine Height at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 m Spread at Maturity: Less than 50 cm Time to Ultimate Height: 2 to 5 Years

Plant Image

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible Leaf Persistance: Evergreen Leaf Type: Simple Leaf Blade: Less than 5 Leaf Shape: Linear Leaf Margins: Entire Leaf Textures: Smooth Leaf Scent: Pleasant Color(growing season): Green Color(changing season): Green Flower

Flower Showiness: True Flower Size Range: 7 - 10 Flower Type: Panicle Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual) Flower Scent: Pleasant Flower Color: Purple, Blue Seasons: Summer

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: False Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5 Fruit Colors: Black Seasons: Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes Heat Tolerant: Yes Drought Tolerant: No Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral, Alkaline Water Requirements: Moderate, Low Light Requirements: Full

Management

Toxity: No Invasive Potential: No Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No Surface Rooting: No Life Span: Less than 25 Edible Parts: Leaf, Flower Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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