

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..



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Lavande à feuilles aigues

Lavender :**Arabic Name**

Pronunciation: 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

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Opposite

Leaf Venation: Nearly Invisible

Leaf Persistence: 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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