

Baptisia australis

Blue False Indigo



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PLANT DESCRIPTION

Plant Type: Perennial

Height/Width: 3-6 ft. H x 4 ft. W

Plant Form: Upright

Flower/Fruit: Deep blue, small sweet pea-shaped blooms in early summer on tall, tapering spikes

Leaf: Blue-green leaves have three leaflets

Native To: Eastern and southern U.S.

GROWING REQUIREMENTS

Sunset Zones: 1-24

Soil: Tolerates poor, sandy soils

Water: Moderate; takes some drought

Sun: Full sun

Care and Pruning: Clumps gradually increase, but don't need division. Resents transplanting once established. Trimming or shearing foliage after bloom helps maintain rounded plant appearance, but eliminates attractive seedpods.

GARDEN USE Borders, cottage gardens, meadows. Effective in naturalized settings. Best as a specimen or in small groups

BOTANICAL GARDEN

Celebration Garden