

# 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

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