

Lavandula hybrid Bella Blue

Common Name	Spanish Lavender
Height	, Miniature Growing (up to 1.5m)
Spread	, Narrow (up to 1m)
Growing Conditions	Coastal Conditions, Drought Tolerant, Full Sun, Low to No Irrigation, Low Maintenance, Low Water Use, No Irrigation, Tolerates Light Frost, Tolerates Dryness, Well Drained, Wind Tolerant



Profile

'Bella Blue' is compact and showy shrub to 50cm making it perfect for use with in the garden or as a patio feature. Masses of blue flowers topped with mauve blue wings appear during autumn, winter and spring, making this the perfect shrub for a colourful and long lasting garden or container display.

Bella series lavenders are tolerant of a wide range of conditions and can be grown Australia wide. They are tolerant of light frosts and humid conditions but must be protected from heavy frosts.

Uses

Container displays, Small informal hedges, Providing colour in Xeriscapes , Encourages butterflies, bees and other beneficial insects and birds, Cut flowers, Pot Pourri, Borders, Containers, Exotic, Foliage, Fragrance, Scented Flowers, Shrubs, Standard

Planting

Full sun

Soil must be open and free draining. Increase calcium availability if required using gypsum, not lime.

Bella series lavenders are intolerant of heavy or waterlogged soils. Improve drainage if necessary using well rotted organic matter or raised beds.

Space plants 20cm apart for a hedge or border

Dig the planting hole twice the width and depth of the pot that is being planted. Backfill with topsoil that has been improved with organic matter. Make sure that the rootball sits no lower than the surrounding soil.

Care

Lavender are very drought tolerant once established however moderate watering for the first few months after planting will encourage stronger more vigorous plants.

Mulching is important to protect surface roots from extremes of temperature and helps to retain soil moisture. Mulch should be applied over the soil to 10cm deep. Keep mulch 5cm-10cm away from the base of the plant so as not to impede airflow which may lead to an increase in pest and disease problems.

Lightly trim after flowering to remove spent blooms and to maintain shape.

Fertilise in spring and summer using a high quality complete fertiliser.

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