

False Blue Indigo



A good substitute for Lupines, in areas where they are difficult to grow. Makes an excellent cut flower, also attractive to butterflies. Drought tolerant, once established.

Baptisia australis

- **Use:** Wild Blue False Indigo is a spectacular specimen in the flower garden. The blue-green foliage resembles a small rounded bush 2 to 3 feet in height. Blue Wild Indigo has a deep taproot which permits it to withstand dry conditions and heat. It makes a nice backdrop in the perennial garden.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers full-part sun. It's fairly drought tolerant and needs little water once established.
- **Growth:** Grows 2-3 tall and wide. Plants may be increased by dividing in spring, every 4 to 5 years, or by moving any seedlings that may appear, while they are still small.
- **Hardiness:** 3-9 perennial.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Lobed leaves.
- **Flower:** . Tall spikes of deep blue flowers bloom above the foliage in May or June and turn into large charcoal black seed pods in late summer that are often used in flower arrangements.