

# Blue Globe Thistle



## *Echinops 'Ritro'*

- **Use:** A bold, tall plant that is highly ornamental with silvery pointed foliage and deeply divided green basal leaves. Provides carefree late summer color. Does well in any soil and dries well for winter bouquets. Deadhead initial blooms and several smaller shorter blooms will appear. Once done blooming, cut all flower stalks to the basal foliage and leave basal foliage to overwinter. Clean up in spring.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full– part sun. Moderate water needs. Prefers well-drained soils. Use a slow release fertilizer.
- **Growth:** Grows quickly 1-3' tall or more and 12" wide
- **Hardiness:** 5-8; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; silvery pointed leaves
- **Flower:** The unique spherical flowerheads appear steely blue before maturing to a brighter blue. The late summer flowers add charm of form and texture to a mixed border.



**Attracts butterflies and  
is deer resistant.**