

# Herb of Grace or Rue



Makes a great companion plant for repelling insects. Yet, it also is helpful for pollinators and butterfly larvae.



## *Ruta graveolens* 'Blue Mound'

- **Use:** Common Rue, also known as herb of grace or herb of repentance, is a hardy perennial medicinal herb. Attractive to pollinating insects. Its leaves food for the caterpillars of butterfly. Please do not use medicinally without lots of research.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers a well drained soil and tolerates poor soils, and is happy in full sun to semi shade.
- **Growth:** Grows 2' tall and 18" wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6-9; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Its blue/ green leaves are bipinnate. or tripinnate, each leaflet being spatulate with entire margins and they extremely fragrant if crushed.
- **Flower:** Its yellow flowers have up to five petals, are borne in cymes and up to 1cm across. Its fruit is a five lobe capsule, this contains many seeds.