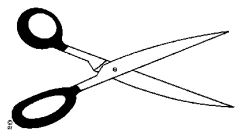


Azure Monkshood



- Attracts Pollinators
- Deer Resistant
- Attracts Butterflies
- Cut Flower

Aconitum fischeri

- **Use:** AKA Wolfsbane. A welcome plant in the perennial border, *A. fischeri* sends up striking upright spikes of lavender-blue flowers from late summer to early fall when few other blue flowers are in bloom. Each individual flower is shaped like a little helmet or hood, thus the common name Monkshood. This species has particularly strong stems that will not require staking. The distinctive, deeply divided, dark green, glossy foliage provides interest when the plant is not in bloom.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers part sun (morning sun/afternoon shade in the South) Use slow release or water soluble fertilizer. Prefers to be kept moist and likes rich soil. Keep soil moist watering under leaves and flowers for best results. Drought tolerant once established. Good drainage is important.
- **Growth:** Grows 18-24" tall and 12-18" wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-8; Perennial. Mulch around plant in the winter. Make sure they have well drained soil in the winter.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. The leaves are thick and leathery with a glossy surface, broadly dissected into tri-lobed sections. **Not for human or pet consumption.**
- **Flower:** The flowers, which resemble the hoods of medieval monks, are wonderful for attracting many beneficial insects and are a primary food source for Old World bee species. Known for deterring deer, rabbits, slugs, and undesired insects due to its high toxicity. Spent flower spikes can be deadheaded to promote a second bloom.

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