## Heavenly Blue Lithodora





long flowering period, Lithodora 'Heavenly Blue' gives a superb performance as ground cover in rockeries, troughs or at the edge of borders.

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## Lithodora diffusa 'Heavenly Blue'

- <u>Use:</u> This is an old rock garden favorite with deep cobalt-blue flowers, justly popular for nearly a century. Mounding stems with small, evergreen foliage form low, spreading hummocks that bloom late spring and early summer, in full sun and well-drained soil.
- <u>Exposure/Soil</u>: Prefers full sun with a little shade during the hot afternoon sun. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry to start. Take care to keep soil moist. Water under the leaves. Plants MUST have a well-drained, acidic soil in order to thrive. Heavy clay soils are sure death.
- <u>Growth</u>: Moderate-growing to 4-6" high, 1' wide. Prune lightly in late summer by trimming the new tip shoots back by about half, to encourage a dense habit. Plants are shrubby, so hard pruning is not recommended.
- *Hardiness:* Zone 6-9, Perennial
- Foliage: Evergreen. Leaves are narrow, up to an inch long.
- <u>Flower</u>: Deep blue, funnel-shaped flowers renew themselves all summer long.

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