

# Staircase™ Lupine



## *Lupinus Staircase™ Series*

- **Use:** Part of a breakthrough series of Lupines, Lupinus Staircase® tolerates warmer temperatures than some of its cousins and will flower continuously from spring to early summer, adding dramatic color and vertical interest to the garden while attracting pollinators. The intensely colored colored spires rise to 16–20” and are quite a sight when planted in drifts. Grouped in smaller clusters, they are also a striking focal point in smaller gardens. We love growing Lupines for their spikes of tall, colorful summer flowers. Try planting it with Little Bluestem which likes the same growing conditions. Once established, Lupines are deer-resistant, and will attract pollinators in late spring and early summer.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Best in full sun to light shade. Prefers poor, sandy soil. Prefer a little afternoon shade from scorching summers--mulch their roots to cool them down in summer. Cut back periodically.
- **Growth:** Reaches 14-16” tall and 7-9” wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-8; Perennial; This North American native variety thrives and reseeds in sandy soils that do not have a lot of nutrients.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; Lobed leaves. Nitrogen fixing plant from the Legume family.
- **Flower:** The intensely colored colored spires rise to 16–20” and are quite a sight when planted in drifts. If you have rich garden soil, this species is unlikely to overwinter but may leave seedlings for next year as long as spent flowers are not deadheaded after bloom.

**A memorable sight for any garden lover, these beautiful plants grow in- to well-established clumps, with several stems rising up out of a single base. A bouquet of Lupines has no equal!**

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