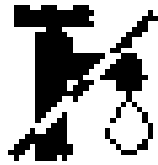


Giga Blue Pincushion Flower



Attracts Butterflies, Drought Tolerant, Attracts Hummingbirds, Shade Tolerant
It was once thought it would cure the disease Scabies, thus it's Latin name: Scabiosa. It's common name, Pincushion Flower, references the flower-head's likeness to a pin cushion from days of old.

Scabiosa columbaria 'Giga Blue'

- **Use:** The largest of pincushion flowers to be found with charming, honey-scented, violet-blue flowers. The 3-inch wide blooms rise on stiff, upright stems above a small, naturally compact mound of finely cut, often fuzzy foliage. Excellent cut flowers. Attractive as a border plant, specimen in a rock garden, or in a mass planting.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full/part sun; Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Appreciates slow release fertilizer twice a year. Once established needs only occasional water.
- **Growth:** Moderate growing; reaches 16 to 20 in. tall, 12 to 15 in. wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-9; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; Scalloped leaves that can become lacy.
- **Flowers:** Masses of beautiful lightly-scented violet pincushion flowers with blue overtones at the ends of the stems from mid spring to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting.

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