

# Monarch Glass Slippers Butterfly Bush



## ***Buddleia davidii* ' Monarch Glass Slippers'**

- **Use:** Glass Slippers' forms a relatively low, wide spreading, tightly knit cushion topped with pale periwinkle blue blossoms held on silvery, branched stems from late summer into early fall. Secondary flowers extend the show further into fall.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Cold, wet winters can be really hard on buddleia, so here are a few tips to help your buddleia thrive in your garden: 1. Make sure the soil is well-drained. 2. Full sun. That's at least 6 hours. No cheating. 3. Wait until it leafs out in spring before pruning. In some years you may have to prune it back to the ground. After milder winters, maybe not so much. Avoid fall pruning.
- **Growth:** Keeps its composure as it ages, growing just 3' tall and 5' wide in two years.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Lighter silvery -green foliage is an excellent foil.
- **Flower:** produces incredibly long light lavender purple blossoms, a favorite of Monarch butterflies. Flowers deepen to blue-purple with age.

**Butterfly Bushes have certainly earned their place in the garden over the years, and its easy to see why. Just when we need a breath of fresh air in the late summer heat, they happily burst into bloom. At a time when many other plants are already spent, buddleias are just beginning their show. Their passive coloring and texture makes a wonderful backdrop for perennials, and you'll love the butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds that flock to their honey-scented blossoms.**

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