

BLUE FALSE INDIGO

BAPTISIA AUSTRALIS



THIS BEAUTIFUL NORTH AMERICAN NATIVE PLANT IS A STUNNER IN BLOOM. BLUE LUPINE-LIKE FLOWERS APPEAR IN SUMMER, FOLLOWED BY ATTRACTIVE SEED PODS THAT REVEAL THIS PEA FAMILY MEMBER'S HERITAGE. TOUGH AND QUITE DROUGHT-TOLERANT ONCE ESTABLISHED, THIS LONG LIVED PLANT WILL GRACE YOUR GARDEN EACH YEAR WITH ITS 4X2' BUSHY FORM AND 12' LONG FLOWER STALKS THAT PROVIDE NECTAR FOR BEES AND OTHER POLLINATORS. LIKE ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGUME FAMILY, IT HAS THE ADDED BONUS OF FIXING NITROGEN IN THE SOIL. THE NAME BAPTISIA COMES FROM THE GREEK WORD "BAPTO", WHICH MEANS TO DYE, FOR WHICH PROCESS BLUE FALSE INDIGO HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN USED AS A REPLACEMENT FOR THE VERY COSTLY TRUE INDIGO. USEFUL AND BEAUTIFUL: JUST THE WAY WE LIKE 'EM!

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