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Agastache foeniculum

Blue Giant Hyssop, Blue Giant-hyssop, Fragrant Giant Hyssop, Lavender Hyssop, Anise Hyssop

Lamiaceae (Mint Family)

A 2-4 ft. **perennial** with dense, terminal spikes of small, tubular, bright blue flowers. Leaves are **opposite, oval, toothed** and whitish beneath give off the scent of anise when bruised. The sturdy, erect blue giant-hyssop is of the most ornamental **native** mints. Little interest to deer and self-seeds readily. The leaves have the aroma of licorice when crushed.

The **genus** *Agastache* describes the **flower** clusters and is derived from two Greek words *agan* meaning *much* and *stachys* meaning *ear of grain*.

Plant Characteristics

Duration: Perennial

Habit: Herb

Size Class: 3-6 ft.

Bloom Information

Bloom Color: Blue, Purple

Bloom Time: June, July, Aug, Sept

Distribution

USA: CO, CT, DE, IA, IL, KY, MI, MN, MT, ND, NE, NH, NY, PA, SD, WA, W , WY

Native Distribution: N. CO to WI, n. to adjacent Canada

Native Habitat: Dry, open, semi-shaded areas; roadsides

Growing Conditions

Light Requirement: Sun, Part Shade

Soil Moisture: Moist

Soil Description: Sandy, well-drained soils

Conditions Comments: Not Available

Benefit

Conspicuous Flowers: yes

Fragrant Flowers: yes

Fragrant Foliage: yes

Attracts: Butterflies, Hummingbirds, Honeybees

Nectar Source: Very good. Pollen pellets are yellowish-green

Propagation Material: Clump Division, Seeds

Description: Very easy to start from seed. Divide plant in spring or fall.

Seed Collection: Seed ripens in fall.

Seed Treatment: Not Available

Commercially Avail: yes