# Wilson's Lifestyle Centre

### **Bedazzled Lavender Phlox**

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# Bedazzled Lavender Phlox Phlox 'Bedazzled Lavender'

Height: 8 inches Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: O O

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Spring Phlox Group/Class: Bedazzled Series

**Description:** 

A beautiful mid-spring bloomer with a rounded-spreading habit; lavender star shaped flowers with lighter center halos and dark purple eyes; heat and drought tolerant; self-cleaning continuous blooms; great for borders, edging, or mass planting



Bedazzled Lavender Phlox flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Bedazzled Lavender Phlox is covered in stunning lavender star-shaped flowers with deep purple eyes and white centers at the ends of the stems from mid to late spring. Its small narrow leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Bedazzled Lavender Phlox is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Bedazzled Lavender Phlox is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

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#### **Planting & Growing**

Bedazzled Lavender Phlox will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 3 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Bedazzled Lavender Phlox is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.