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### **Blue Beauty Tulip**



Blue Beauty Tulip Tulipa 'Blue Beauty'

Height: 18 inches Spread: 8 inches Spacing: 4 inches

Sunlight: O O

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Blue Beauty Triumph Tulip

#### **Description:**

A tall and graceful variety with large, long blooming flowers appearing in mid spring; dazzling violet-blue flower rise above lush green foliage; perfect for adding color to spring garden beds, borders or containers; low maintenance and easy to grow



Blue Beauty Tulip flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Blue Beauty Tulip has masses of beautiful violet cup-shaped flowers with pink overtones and a blue flare at the ends of the stems from mid to late spring, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its sword-like leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Blue Beauty Tulip is an herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Blue Beauty Tulip is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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### **Planting & Growing**

Blue Beauty Tulip will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 4 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 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! As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. 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 multiplication of the underground bulbs; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Blue Beauty Tulip 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 larger 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.