# **Stonegate Gardens**

## Tall Hidcote Lavender

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## Tall Hidcote Lavender Lavandula angustifolia 'Tall Hidcote'

Plant Height: 18 inches
Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: English Lavender, Common Lavender

### **Description:**

With its aromatic gray-green foliage and large spikes of blue-violet flowers on long stems, this variety is excellent for borders and edging in a sunny spot, foliage has a silvery-bluish cast as well

#### **Ornamental Features**

Tall Hidcote Lavender has masses of beautiful spikes of fragrant powder blue flowers rising above the foliage from early to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has attractive grayish green evergreen foliage. The fragrant needles are highly ornamental and remain grayish green throughout the winter.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Tall Hidcote Lavender is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. 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.

Tall Hidcote Lavender is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Tall Hidcote Lavender flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Tall Hidcote Lavender in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

#### **Planting & Growing**

Tall Hidcote Lavender will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. 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. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



Tall Hidcote Lavender in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Tall Hidcote Lavender makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.