



Rosemary Very Money Plant
Lunaria annua 'Rosemary Verrey'

Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Honesty

Description:

Stunning deep purple variegated leaves, and showy sprays of luminous violet flowers in spring, followed by interesting papery silver dollar sized seedpods; great for dried arrangements; self seeding may need to be controlled; attracts pollinators



Rosemary Very Money Plant foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Rosemary Very Money Plant is bathed in stunning clusters of fragrant violet star-shaped flowers with lilac purple overtones and deep purple veins at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive serrated heart-shaped leaves remain lime green in color with showy deep purple variegation and tinges of burgundy throughout the season. The fruits are showy purple pods carried in abundance from early fall to late winter. The crimson stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Rosemary Very Money Plant is an herbaceous biennial with a more or less rounded form. 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 high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Rosemary Very Money Plant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Rosemary Very Money Plant will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. It grows at a fast rate, and tends to be biennial, meaning that it puts on vegetative growth the first year, flowers the second, and then dies. However, this species tends to self-seed and will thereby endure for years in the garden if allowed.

This plant does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.