Lupinus, Beefeater Lupine

Lupinus 'Beefeater'



Lupinus, Beefeater Lupine flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

A vivid, gorgeous selection, producing thick spikes of densely packed, brilliant red flowers with a long blooming period; a tremendous visual impact massed in the garden, border plantings, or in containers

Ornamental Features

Lupinus, Beefeater Lupine features bold spikes of red pea-like flowers rising above the foliage from late spring to early summer, which emerge from distinctive fuchsia flower buds. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its palmate leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Lupinus, Beefeater Lupine is an herbaceous perennial with a rigidly upright and towering 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 be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Lupinus, Beefeater Lupine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

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Planting & Growing

Lupinus, Beefeater Lupine will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. 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 should be grown in a location with partial shade and which is shaded from the hot afternoon sun. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in clay soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets.