Giga® Blue Pincushion Flower

Scabiosa columbaria 'Giga Blue'



Giga Blue Pincushion Flower flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 inches

Spread: 15 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Scabious

Group/Class: Giga Series

Description:

This charming selection presents extra-large, honey scented violet-blue flowers, rising on stiff stems above a compact mound of fine foliage; long blooming and perfect for edging, massing, rock gardens, or containers



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Ornamental Features

Giga Blue Pincushion Flower has masses of beautiful lightly-scented violet pincushion flowers with blue overtones at the ends of the stems from mid spring to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its deeply cut ferny leaves remain grayish green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Giga Blue Pincushion Flower is an herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. 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.

Giga Blue Pincushion Flower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Giga Blue Pincushion Flower will grow to be about 16 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. It grows at a fast 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!

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to dry locations, and dislikes excessive moisture. 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 or pH. 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. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Giga Blue Pincushion Flower is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.