

Botanical Name: Delphinium elatum

Common Name: Candle delphinium

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, usually single-stemmed plant with fine, fan-like foliage and vividly colored flower spikes

Height 2' - 8' Spread 12" - 18" Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil must have well-drained soil

Hardiness hardy

Morphology:

Leaves to 3" wide, palmately lobed, 5-7, nearly to base

Flowers tight racemes of vivid blue, white, lavender or pink, to 1" long, 1 1/2" wide, bell-shaped

Fruit follicles - arranged on spike

Propagation: seed

Usage: background plants or filler plants in perennial beds - dramatic flower spikes are a good source of blue color

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering

Fertilizing balanced when planting; feed again after first bloom to encourage second bloom

Pruning cut back flower spikes after bloom, leaving foliage at bottom - stake flower spikes for support

Pests/Diseases snails and slugs

Special Conditions usually treated as an annual in mild winter areas
Most from Siberia, new varieties

Origin: are hybrids Family: Ranunculaceae