

Botanical Name: Consolida ajacis

Common Name: Larkspur

Type of Plant: dicot: annual Family Ranunculaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, fine textured annual with fine, ferny foliage and a
large vertical spike of blue, lilac, purple, rose, pink or white flowers

Height 1 to 4 ft. Spread to 1 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun preferred

Soil prefers a well-amended soil with good drainage

Hardiness hardy; zones 1-24

Morphology:

Leaves palmately lacinate (palmatifid) with needle-like leaflets;
leaves are opposite and sessile, giving a lacy appearance to the branches

Flowers vertical racemes of brightly colored, mostly double flowers
in many available colors; flowers to 1-1/2" across blooming in spring and summer

Fruit small follicle; reseeds in some gardens

Propagation: seeds

Usage: mass plantings in open beds, or as a member of a cottage
garden border; appreciated for heavy bloom in early spring; mixes well in forest
theme landscapes and does well in light shade under trees

Landscape Care:

Watering appreciates regular watering; not drought tolerant

Fertilizing slow release at planting time

Pruning sometimes staked to encourage upright bloom

Pests/Diseases none significant

Other all parts of the plant (especially seeds) are poisonous

Origin: Western Europe