

Botanical Name: Lavandula multifida

Common Name: Fernleaf lavender

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape sprawling, spreading lavender with dense, feathery foliage; flowering stems are long and wiry, holding flowers about one foot over the foliage; may bloom nearly all year

Height to 18" Spread to 3' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun preferred

Soil needs a well-drained soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 4 to 24)

Morphology:

Leaves gray green feathery leaves, pinnatifid with a dense pubescence on upper and lower surfaces, oppositely arranged, to 3" long, 1" across

Flowers spikes held high above foliage, flowers to 1/2" long, deep purple-blue, over a very long blooming season

Fruit small woody capsule

Propagation: seed, division, semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: excellent filler plant with an excellent flower display, finely cut foliage, and a dense, full growth habit; easy care plant in a perennial border

Landscape Care:

Watering average watering, can be kept dry

Fertilizing balanced, slow-release at planting time

Pruning head back dead flowers periodically - can pruned hard

Pests/Diseases root rot in heavy soils

Special Conditions

Origin: Western Mediterranean Family: Labiatae