

Botanical Name: Nigella damascena

Common Name: Love-In-A-Mist

Type of Plant: dicot: annual Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape mounding, finely textured annual with pinnatifid foliage
which gives a filmy texture to the plant; flowers at end of branches fairly
close to leaves

Height 12-18" Spread 12-18" Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor prefers full sun, tolerates some shade

Soil tolerates most any garden soil

Hardiness hardy (all zones)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnatifid with threadlike leaflets and stems; medium green
color, fairly dense on stems

Flowers blue or white at end of stems, surrounded by bracts which
grow from beneath

Fruit attractive papery capsules which persist after the flowers

Propagation: seed -- reseeds freely in flower beds

Usage: useful annual for early spring bloom; interesting foliage
and early bloom make this a good plant for a spring bedding area

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average watering; not particularly drought tolerant

Fertilizing balanced, slow-release fertilizer at planting time

Pruning pinch off spent blooms if dried fruit is not wanted

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions 'Miss Jeckyl' and 'Persian Jewels' are good varieties

Origin: So. Europe Family: Ranunculaceae