



Big Blue Sea Holly*

Eryngium 'Big Blue'

Height: 32 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Description:

A very versatile plant featuring large steel blue prickly flowers that are a favorite for cutting; fresh or dried; great for a sunny border or rock garden; plants can be divided every few years

Ornamental Features:

Big Blue Sea Holly features bold steel blue ball-shaped flowers with silvery blue bracts at the ends of the stems from early to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It's attractive spiny lobed leaves emerge steel blue in spring, turning silvery blue in color throughout the season. The fruit is not ornamentally significant. The navy blue stems are very effective and add winter interest.

Landscape Attributes:

Big Blue Sea Holly is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This perennial will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Big Blue Sea Holly is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- General Garden Use
- Mass Planting
- Container Planting

Plant Characteristics:

Big Blue Sea Holly will grow to be about 32 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 3 years.



Eryngium 'Big Blue' flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



This perennial should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for poor, alkaline soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This plant can be propagated by seed.

This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

** This is a 'special order' plant - contact store for details*