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Lavandula x allardii 'Meerlo'

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

An attractive subshrub featuring aromatic gray-green leaves edged with pale yellow to cream variegation; fragrant pale lavender flowers in mid-summer; excellent for borders, containers, and massing in the garden; tolerant of heat and humidity

Ornamental Features

Meerlo Variegated Allard's Lavender has masses of beautiful spikes of fragrant lavender flowers with blue overtones rising above the foliage in mid summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive fragrant narrow leaves remain grayish green in color with distinctive creamy white edges and tinges of buttery yellow throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Meerlo Variegated Allard's Lavender is a dense multi-stemmed annual with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Meerlo Variegated Allard's Lavender is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Meerlo Variegated Allard's Lavender foliage

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Planting & Growing

Meerlo Variegated Allard's Lavender will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. Although it's not a true annual, this slow-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. 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 not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Meerlo Variegated Allard's Lavender is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.