

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

MY LEAVES SEEM TO DISAPPEAR IN LATE SUMMER?

These plants sometime will go dormant in the hottest part of late summer losing all of their foliage. Do not despair. This is completely normal. Many times the foliage reappears in the fall briefly but will not bloom again until the next spring.

WHEN DO YOU REMOVE SPENT FLOWER SPIKES?

Most delphinium varieties require that their flowers be cut away after blooming to encourage autumn flowers. This hybrid series does not as it will bloom into fall anyway.

DO THEY MAKE EASY PLANTS TO SUBDIVIDE

These plants will re-bloom and spread every year. They can be subdivided in early spring when the new growth begins to occur. Do so after 2-3 years as this will increase yield considerably.

WILL THEY SELF SEED?

As long as the spent flowers are not cut away, they will self seed prolifically. The plants flower from late spring to late summer, and are pollinated by butterflies and bumble bees. The seeds are small and shiny black and will fall to the ground on their own.

ARE THEY DEER AND RABBIT RESISTANT

Mostly they are deer and rabbit resistant unless there is a severe drought and the deer are starving due to a lack of other more likable plant material. When deer do get a little nibble, do not worry. It will not harm the plant as they begin to grow new leaf clumps immediately.

FIRST THINGS FIRST...

When your plant arrives from Roberta's, remove from the shipping box immediately. Remove plastic bag and sleeve from around potted plant(s).

Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Pull away any yellow or brown leaves that may have occurred during transit. If you can not plant it into garden or larger pot within a few days, make sure it stays well watered.

When ready to plant, do the job as early in the day as possible to avoid extreme soil temperatures that prevent proper water uptake from the roots. Water them in well and whisper a few words of wisdom.



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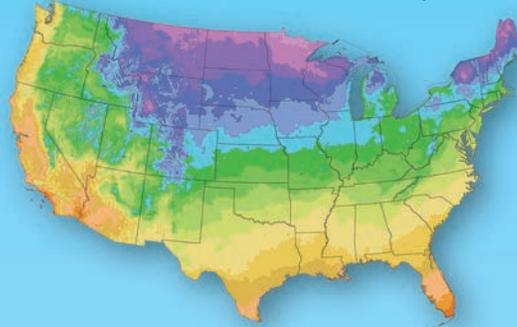
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Plant Hardiness Zone Map



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ROBERTA'S GARDENS PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



New Zealand
Dwarf Stars Delphinium
(*Delphinium elatum* hybrids)



QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full to Partial Sun
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	3-9
PLANT TYPE	Perennial
PLANTING DISTANCE:	12-18 inches
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	2-3 feet 12-18 inches
BLOOM TIME:	Summer by 2nd Season
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS: <small>(soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)</small>	Remove plastic bag and/or sleeve from around potted plant(s) Dig holes twice the width of the root ball and about 5 to 6 inches deep. Pack soil firmly around roots. Fill with soil and pack in firmly covering entire root zone. Water thoroughly.

PLANTING GUIDE

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STEP

Transplant into the garden as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F. Dig holes twice the width of the root ball and about 5 to 6 inches deep. Place them in their holes. Pack soil firmly around roots. Fill with soil and pack in firmly covering entire root zone. Water again. Plants prefer full sun to half day of sun.

3

STEP

Rather than in the garden you may re-pot into large containers. Repot the plants into at least 10 inch pots separately or together inside one larger container.

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STEP

Planted now they will produce flowers in mid-summer early summer in subsequent years.

CONTINUING CARE

SHELF LIFE

Plant into garden or larger pots and place outside immediately after the night temperatures stay above 40 degrees.

PLANT PREPARATION

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SOIL

Grow in fertile, moist but well-drained soil. Amend clay type soils with compost or potting mix.

GARDEN PREPARATION

They prefer full or partial sun.

POTTED PLANTS

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PLANTING SPACING

If planting in garden space 12 to 18 inches apart.

PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH

These grow about 2 to 3 feet tall and 12 to 18 inches wide.

WATER

Water upon planting and a couple times a week all summer long.

FERTILIZER

They respond to feeding with a high bloom fertilizer like Flower Magic plant food (M7503). Once a month is sufficient.

TEMPERATURE ZONES 3 to 9

When nights stay above 40 degrees, place your plants outside and leave them there. They can withstand winter temperatures to minus 30F.

LIGHTING

In the summer growing season, full sun or a half a day of sun is sufficient.

BLOOMING

Under correct conditions, blooming begins in early summer and persists all summer.

PRUNING

Pruning is not necessary. Not cutting the spent stems will allow these go to seed and multiply.

WINTER and LATE SUMMER DORMANCY

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ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Delphinium
Shipped as Shown



Delphinium in container
2nd season



Mixed Delphinium in garden
2nd season



White Delphinium 2nd
season



Close up of flower



In the Garden

CAUTION: Not all plant material is edible. Though most plants are harmless, some contain toxic substances which can cause headaches, nausea, dizziness, or other discomforts. As a general rule, only known food products should be eaten. In case of ingestion on any other plant or flower, please contact your local poison center at once and advise them of the plant ingested. Keep out of reach of children and pets.