

TEXAS BLUEBONNET 'ALAMO FIRE'

Lupinus texensis(*Fabaceae*)



Characteristics

- Type: Annual
- Root type: Tap
- Height: 1-2 feet
- Water Use: Low
- Light: full sun
- Soil: Dry
- Bloom Color: Maroon with white tip
- Blooms: March to May
- Winter Hardy
- Well drained soil
- Attractive to bees
- Texas Superstar®

Culture

A hardy winter annual that is a relative of the "State Flower of Texas". The maroon flowers are densely arranged on a spike with a characteristic ice white terminal tip. Bluebonnets cannot tolerate poorly drained, clay based soils. Seed planted in poorly drained soils will germinate, but plants will never fully develop. Seedlings will become either stunted or turn yellow and soon die. Prefers a sloped area in light to gravelly, well drained, soil with a pH level between 6-7. Seed is scarified for quick germination. Bluebonnets require 8 hours of direct sun.

Noteworthy Characteristics

A Bluebonnet with an "Attitude" for the 21st century, the Alamo Fire is an exclusive introduction from Wildseed Farms, developed in conjunction with Dr. Jerry Parsons. The original plant was found in the wild near San Antonio, Texas and has taken over 20 years to develop for your gardening pleasure. Cross-pollination may occur in future generations. To keep plants true to color, remove any plant that blooms in purple or blue shades as soon as possible.

Problems

Plants in the genus *Lupinus*, especially the seeds, can be toxic to humans and animals if ingested.

Garden Uses

Texas bluebonnets can be grown in raised flower beds, half wooden barrels, hanging baskets, mixtures, hillsides, roadsides and meadows.