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WING'S DELPHINIUM GARDEN

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Wrexham Strain Delphiniums



THE PRESENT is pre-eminently a period of progress. On the swift pinions of new ideas, new wonders are continually coming into view. This is very true in the world of invention, and it is also true in the world of flowers. To anyone who has seen the glory of the Modern Delphinium, it is amazing that this beautiful and stately perennial is so little known to the average flower-lover. They have not yet come into their own, but there are gardeners who realize that they will soon be the most popular flower that grows, for they possess the quality of perfectibility in a very high degree if conditions of soil, climate and pollination are good. The Wrexham Delphiniums owe their origin to Watkin Samuel in Wrexham, Wales, who, through patient, untiring love and care, has given this masterpiece to the flower world.

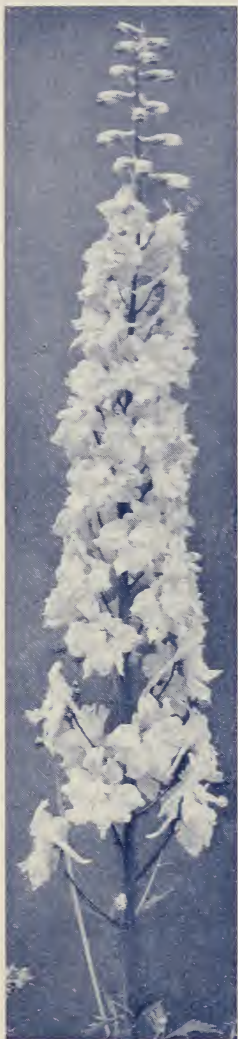
These hybrids are heavenly spires towering into the sky, for some of them reach a height of seven or eight feet, with a flower stalk of from 30 to 50 inches and individual flowers from two and a half to three inches in diameter. The colors are indescribably beautiful, running through the entire gamut of blues, from the delicate sky to the deepest indigo, and from palest mauve to darkest purple. The lighter delphiniums often have delicate opaline shadings. These flowers belong to a new race and have often been called hollyhock delphiniums, because of their similarity of spike to the hollyhock.

The chief distinguishing feature of the "hollyhock delphiniums" are: (1) the extraordinary length of and tapering spire-like shape of the flower spike; (2) the statuesque beauty of the plant as a whole; (3) the wonderfully rich and varied tints; (4) the very remarkable extension of the flowering period, covering sometimes in the Northwest almost five months; (5) their unmistakable resemblance to a hollyhock.

There is no flower which has more splendid foliage than has the delphinium. It is most perfect and symmetrical in form, and before it even flowers a bed of its foliage is a fine thing to see.

For a number of years several flower lovers of Portland, Oregon, had been importing modern delphinium seed from England and Wales. Two of these amateur enthusiasts, falling in love with the stateliness and wonderful beauty of the Wrexhams and knowing how few people even knew of their existence, decided to do what they could in bringing these majestic flowers to the attention and appreciation of the general public, hence the Wing's Delphinium Garden. By the selection of the finest plants and the destruction of all others, as well as by continued importation of the finest seed obtainable, we have gradually developed a stock of plants and seed which we sincerely believe to be unexcelled here and abroad, both in form and color.

We grow delphiniums exclusively and our garden is small—less than an acre. This makes it possible for us to give close attention to



Springtide

every plant and to prevent pollination from inferior blooms. From the first our aim has been to give to America what the famous growers have given to Europe. Of course, we had the advantage over them of starting a number of years later than they, thus having the benefit of their pioneer work.

Some dealers in gems have large quantities of jewels of all grades of excellence, others have only diamonds of the first water and their entire stock of precious stones can be kept in a very small strong box. The Wings Delphinium Garden has chosen the latter way. By painstaking selection of the finest specimens and by ruthless destruction of all plants that do not come up to the highest standard, we are able to concentrate our efforts to raise seed of the highest quality.

All flower-minded people feel the charm of a lovely garden, and the garden in which delphiniums are loved and grown in masses is the most beautiful of all. Gardening is just as much an art as painting, sculpture and poetry are, and there are gardeners who take great joy in painting garden pictures of the most entrancing colors and shades. If you have never tried this, do so, and paint one of blue splendor with these lovely things, for they will bring a radiant atmosphere into your garden and people will come from far and near to gaze in happy appreciation. You will be including in your picture many hummingbirds and butterflies, as well as bees, for they love delphiniums and help by pollinating to bring about more wonderful combinations of color than you have yet seen.

The mild climate of Western Oregon is especially favorable for developing perfection in these flowers and their hardy character enables them to do well in more severe climates. We have retained the mental attitude of the flower lover rather than of the commercial grower. We have been tempted to branch out and to grow other flowers commercially, but that would withdraw some of our effort from our main aim, the grow-

ing of the most perfect delphinium, and so we have refrained.

Watkin Samuel last year contracted to sell to the American market only through a noted eastern firm. This firm charges five dollars a package for a hundred seeds. We believe our seed to be of the same quality.

Culture

There are two periods each year during which seed may be sown. One is August or early September and the other January or early February. In either case it is best to sow in well drained boxes about four inches deep, filled with rich mellow soil one-third sand. Sow in shallow rills not too crowded and cover not more than one-eighth of an inch deep. The winter sowing should be in a hot bed or greenhouse. Near a window in an ordinary room with a temperature of 50 or 60 degrees will do. Seeds are slow to germinate—three to five weeks. Above all things, never let the seeds get dry during period of germination. Watering must be done carefully, so as not to wash the seed out of the ground. Plant out in the open when size of plants and temperature are suitable. Plants from fall sowing will bloom twice next season and from winter sowing once the same season.

Raising plants from seed presents no special difficulty, and in each package of seed are a hundred potential promises of beauty; but for success, care and patience are necessary.

These perennials will do well in any rich garden soil, well fertilized, cultivated and watered. When plants develop into clumps, these should be at least two feet apart.

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To accommodate those who do not wish to expend the time and care involved in raising plants from seed, we offer at present baby seedlings grown

from our choicest mixed named varieties. These seedlings are available in March, April, May and June; also in September and October. The seedlings planted in the fall will be good sized plants next season and bloom twice. Those planted in the spring will bloom once that same season. While we cannot guarantee sending large plants any great distance, we find that these baby seedlings can be sent all over the United States with little danger of injury. In order that the Wrexham strain may be more widely known, we offer these choice seedlings at the especially low price of \$5.00 for two dozen, sold in not less than two dozen lots. *However, we cannot promise to continue selling them at this low figure another year.*

Seed

We offer the following: Wrexham strain, mixed seed, over 100 seeds in a package, for \$1.00; named varieties, \$1.50. Mixed named varieties \$2.00.

The following descriptions are of some of our named varieties:

Springtide—Large semi-double, lilac effect. Outer petals sky blue, banded lilac. Inner petals lilac. Irregular white bee.

Joan of Arc—Very large semi-double. Outer petals lyons blue, tipped hyacinth violet. Inner petals hyacinth violet. Large dark furry bee. Striking flower.

Vision—Large single forget-me-not blue. Three petals are marked with pale hortense violet. Small guard petals are hortense violet curving over bee.

Sally Ann—Large single mazarine blue. Petals heavily tinted with mallow pink. Small dark bee.

Robin Hood—Large semi-double. Outer petals are phenyl blue and inner petals are manganese violet. White spreading bee.

Good Morning—Wonderful single, frosted pale forget-me-not blue, tinged with Persian lilac. Small white eye. Large flowers.

Millicent—Semi-double forget-me-not blue, iridescent, faintly tinged with mallow pink.

Vanity Fair—Large semi-double with outer petals shaded forget-me-not blue. Inner petals pale ampero purple. Brown bee, feathered gold. See single flower on cover.

Cuttings of the above-named varieties which have strong roots may be purchased in limited quantities at \$2.50 per plant. We have other rooted cuttings of named varieties not listed in this folder which may be had on request at the same price. This year we offer one-year-old seedlings at \$1.50 apiece or \$15.00 per dozen. Postage or express extra on all plants.

All orders must be accompanied by cash, check or money order.



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Joan of Arc



