Heaven Scent Jacob's Ladder

Polemonium 'Heaven Scent'

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 15 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Description:

This lovely variety forms a ferny mound of green foliage that has bluish-purple highlights as new growth and is loosely topped with lilac flowers in late spring; looks great in the middle to front of the border and easily mixes with other plants



Heaven Scent Jacob's Ladder
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Heaven Scent Jacob's Ladder has masses of beautiful spikes of fragrant lilac purple star-shaped flowers with yellow anthers rising above the foliage in late spring, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive ferny pinnately compound leaves emerge indigo in spring, turning dark green in color throughout the season.



Heaven Scent Jacob's Ladder in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

Heaven Scent Jacob's Ladder is an herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. 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 is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Heaven Scent Jacob's Ladder is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Heaven Scent Jacob's Ladder flowers
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Planting & Growing

Heaven Scent Jacob's Ladder will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 15 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Heaven Scent Jacob's Ladder is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.