Phlox
*Phlox paniculata* 'Blue Paradise'

- Fragrant, tubular florets up to 3/4” diameter are densely packed in large, tiered, domed 6 to 8 inch terminal clusters over a long July to September bloom period. The spicy vanilla-clove scented flowers respond to differing light conditions – they open violet blue at dawn, develop a purple hue during the day and change back to violet blue at dusk. Butterflies and hummingbirds love the flowers. Phlox is intolerant of drought and needs to be watered in dry spells, but avoid overhead watering. It has escaped gardens and naturalized into areas beyond its original native range. It is typically found in moist or rich low woods, thickets, alluvial banks and gravel bars along streams and bluff bases.

- **Type:** perennial
- **USDA hardiness zones:** 4 through 9
- **Uses:** mass planting; specimen; ground cover; border; accent
- **Origin:** not native to Florida
- **Height:** 2 to 3 feet **Spread:** 1 to 2 feet
- **Plant spacing:** 24 inches
- **Light requirement:** full sun to part shade
- **Soil tolerances:** acidic; slightly alkaline; clay; sand; loam
- **Drought tolerance:** low to none
- **Soil salt tolerances:** unknown
- **Invasive potential:** low
- **Pest resistance:** susceptible to powdery mildew

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