

Blue Butterfly Bush

Rothea myricoides 'Ugandense'

Blue butterfly bush, is a low maintenance, suckering, evergreen shrub. As its common name implies, the plant displays violet-blue flowers that resemble a butterfly in flight. This lanky shrub is not very vigorous and tends to have anemic green foliage. It has attractive light blue to violet-blue pea-like flowers and looks great grown in a container. The plant is easily grown in soils that are moist, well-drained, and have plenty of organic matter. It requires consistent watering and tolerates full sun to part shade, but performs best in part shade. It grows best in frost-free climates, as it tends to freeze to the ground in zones 8-9 or when temperatures dip below 25 F, but even if it freezes the roots can survive and rejuvenate in the spring.

Type: evergreen shrub

USDA hardiness zones: 8 through 11

Uses: border; mass planting; container or above-ground planter; naturalizing; accent

Origin: not native to North America

Height: 6 to 10 feet **Spread:** 2 to 3 feet **Plant**

spacing: 36 to 48 inches

Light requirement: full sun to part sun

Soil tolerances: slightly acid to alkaline; high organic matter

Drought tolerance: low

Soil salt tolerances: unknown

Invasive potential: low

Pest resistance: no known serious insect or disease problems are associated with this plant

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