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Black Stockings Meadow Rue

Thalictrum 'Black Stockings'

Plant Height: 3 feet

Flower Height: 5 feet

Spread: 30 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Ornamental Features

Black Stockings Meadow Rue features bold spikes of lavender flowers rising above the foliage from late spring to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its round compound leaves remain light green in colour throughout the season. The fruit is not ornamentally significant. The black stems are very colorful and add to the overall interest of the plant.

Landscape Attributes

Black Stockings Meadow Rue is an herbaceous perennial with a rigidly upright and towering form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Black Stockings Meadow Rue is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens



*Black Stockings Meadow Rue
flowers*
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*Black Stockings Meadow Rue in
bloom*
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Planting & Growing

Black Stockings Meadow Rue will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity extending to 5 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 30 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. 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.

At Shelmerdine, we treat this plant as a "HOBBY PLANT" meaning that it is not recognized as winter-hardy in our Zone 3 climate. However, there is a possibility that it could survive winter. Regardless of whether it survives a winter or not, this plant is only warrantied until Nov. 1 of its season of purchase.