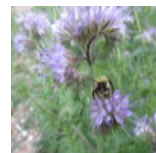


Broadleaf

## Phacelia

*Phacelia tanacetifolia*



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#### COVER CROP DESCRIPTION

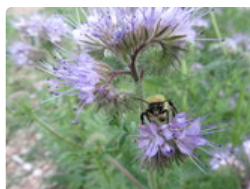
Unique forb with fernlike biomass. Not commonly grown in the Northeast US (well-known in Europe), info limited, seed costly. Winter-kill generally expected. Fast growth in mild temperatures, moderate biomass, residue not long-lasting. Fibrous shallow roots excellent for soil aggregation. Appears to have daylength response: in fall vegetative growth only; in spring goes to flower. Given that it rarely survives the winter, may do best if planted in spring when blooms are of interest. Showy blue blooms are excellent for pollinators.



Phacelia - Ackroyd [2020]



Phacelia - Brown [2020]



Phacelia - NancyLeeAdamson [2020]

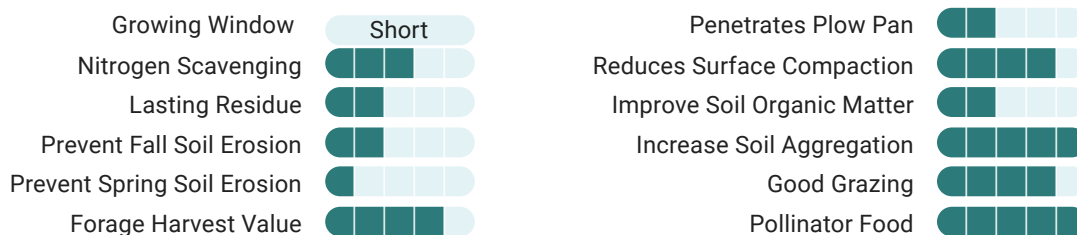


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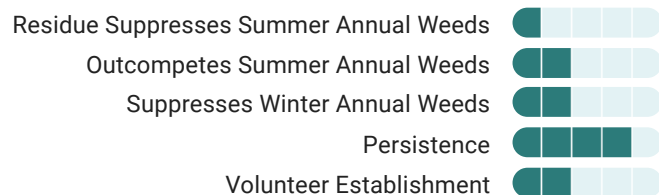


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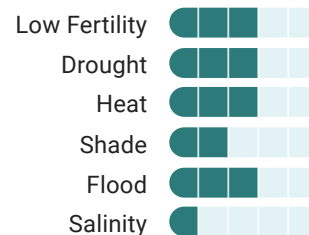
#### GOALS



#### WEEDS



#### ENVIRONMENTAL TOLERANCES



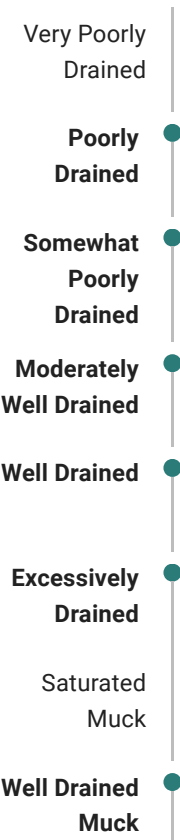


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Growth Traits

Duration	Annual
Zone Use	Common
Shape And Orientation	Erect
Dry Matter (Lbs/A/Yr)	2000 - 6000
Soil Texture	Coarse
	Fine
	Medium
Soil pH	6.4 - 8.6
Soil Moisture Use	Medium
Hessian Fly Free Date?	No
Ease Of Establishment	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Establishes Quickly	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Early Spring Growth	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Flowering Trigger	Plant Size
Root Depth	Deep

Soil Drainage



Planting

Seeds Per Lb	245000
Seed Price Per Lb	\$ \$ \$
Base Seeding Rate (Lbs/A)	5 - 10
Drilled Depth	0.25" - 0.5"
Can Aerial Seed?	No
Can Frost Seed?	No
Min Germination Temp (°F)	38

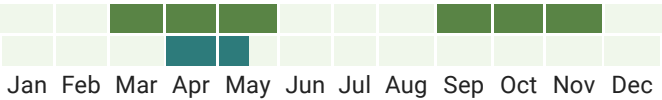
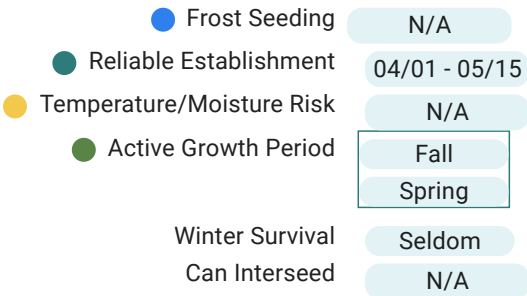
Termination

Tillage At Vegetative	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Tillage At Flowering	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Freezing At Vegetative	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Freezing At Flowering	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
Chemical At Vegetative	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>
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Roller-Crimp At Flowering	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>



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Planting and Growth Windows



Extended Comments

**Termination:** It tangles easily.

**Weeds:** Slow to release N to following crop unless growth terminated in mid-vegetative stage (12-18 in.)

**Goals:** Could be ranked a 5 (excellent) for Increase Soil Aggregation if it survives winter or otherwise has sufficient time in the ground to grow (in USDA hardiness zone 6 this rating is dependent on adequate spring growth or good winter survival).

**Pollinators:** Top-rated cover crop for bees, along with buckwheat.

**Insects:** Purple tansy produces large amounts of nectar that can readily attract different family of parasitoids but it is not well adapted to the growing season in Maryland

References & Resources

**Conservation Cover for Pollinators**, Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation