



Blue phlox

Phlox divaricata L.

Blue phlox, *Phlox divaricata*, is one of the beautifully welcoming wildflowers of spring. They are woodland plants but bloom strongly, with relatively long-lasting flowers. The blooms are normally blue but may be lavender, lilac or white as well. This is one of the few plants that can provide, at times, a true-blue color in its flowers. They are very easy to grow, usually less than a foot tall. While normally growing in very small clumps in the woods, these will expand to larger and denser clumps in the garden bed. It typically blooms in April and May. Native to eastern North America, they are hardy through USDA zone 3.

Cultivation

Plant blue phlox in any place that's not too hot and dry. It will tolerate most soil types and pH. This phlox is ideal for shade gardens. In dryer conditions, it may be subject to spider mites, while in close, wet conditions, it maybe subject to powdery mildew, but in normal, good woodland soil it's usually very problem-free.



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