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Above: The upright, medium blue flowers of 'Blue Fortune' in full bloom.

Below: The flower spikes in late August, as they begin to decline.



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Family: Lamiaceae

**Stem & Leaf Type:** herbaceous perennial

**Size:** 30" tall and 18" wide

**USDA Hardiness Zones:** 5-9

**Leaves:** simple, dentate-crenate margins

**Leaf Color:** medium green, pubescent

**Fall Color:** none—yellow

**Flowers:** lavender-blue terminal spikes

**Fruit:**

**Light:** full sun-light shade

**Moisture:** well-drained

**Insect/Disease Issues:** crown rot can be a problem in poorly drained soils

**Nativity:** Cultivated

**Location in the Gardens:**

Hillside Garden



## Culture & Landscape Value:

Can tolerate dry, hot spots in the landscape.

Attractive to butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds.

A good plant for the middle or back of a border.

Hardier than non-hybrid varieties.

Leaf fragrance is similar to anise/licorice, hence the common name.

The fragrant leaves can be used in potpourri.

## Notes:

Scientific name is rooted in 'agan' (meaning 'very much') and 'stachys' (meaning 'ear of grain'). The flower spikes look similar to the flower spikes of wheat.

All plants in the Lamiaceae family have square stems.

## Months of Interest:

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