



Eryngium 'Jade Frost'

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Interesting, violet blue globes surrounded by spiny bracts rise on stems above variegated rosettes. The blue green leaves have creamy white margins that are tinged with a rosy blush in cool weather. It makes an intriguing cut flower—prickly, but pretty.

USES

'Jade Frost' is perfect in hot, dry borders, rockeries and cool-season containers. It makes a great addition to a late summer or fall perennial program, but plants have appeal during several seasons. Plants can be sold in fall—used in combos, or overwintered in a cold greenhouse for very early spring sales.

GROWER NOTES

The following information is based on our own experience with this crop in the Pacific Northwest. Growth will vary depending on location, climate, growing medium and cultural practices. As always, where chemical use is involved, read the labels, follow the instructions and practice careful trialing methods.

- Grow in full sun for the best foliage and flower color. Use a fast-draining soil mix and allow to dry thoroughly between waterings.
- Keep the crown at soil level when transplanting. Planting too deep, or overwatering, can promote crown rots. If planting during periods of very wet weather, use a preventive fungicide drench at transplant.
- Well-grown plants have very few pest or disease problems, but watch for mites during hot summer weather.
- For sale as a summer-blooming perennial, allow six weeks for the rosette to fill the pot before bloom starts in mid June.

PLANT DATA

- Height: 8"/30"
- Spread: 14"
- Bloom time: May–Jul
- USDA Zone: 5(-20°)

APPROXIMATE FINISH TIMES

- Gallon from a 72-cell liner: 6–8 weeks (for full foliage)

PATENT INFORMATION

Asexual propagation prohibited
E. planum 'Jade Frost': USPP #17370