Baby Pete Agapanthus

Agapanthus praecox 'Benfran'



Baby Pete Agapanthus flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 14 inches

Flower Height: 22 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: Lily of the Nile, African Lily

Description:

This variety produces a mound of luxurious narrow green foliage; long lasting blue flowers with darker blue stripes appear in mid-summer; does not set unsightly seed heads; a perfect accent plant in the garden or massed along borders



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Ornamental Features

Baby Pete Agapanthus features bold clusters of blue trumpet-shaped flowers with lavender overtones and royal blue stripes rising above the foliage from early to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its narrow leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Baby Pete Agapanthus 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 plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Baby Pete Agapanthus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Baby Pete Agapanthus will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity extending to 22 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.

Baby Pete Agapanthus is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.