



### **Lupini White Shades Lupine**

*Lupinus polyphyllus 'Lupini White Shades'*

Plant Height: 10 inches

Flower Height: 16 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Group/Class: Lupini Series

#### **Description:**

A lovely compact lupine, producing spikes of luminous flowers in shades of white and cream; a tremendous visual impact massed in the garden, border plantings or in containers



*Lupini White Shades Lupine flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Lupini White Shades Lupine features bold spikes of white pea-like flowers with creamy white overtones rising above the foliage from late spring to early summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its palmate leaves remain emerald green in color throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Lupini White Shades Lupine is an herbaceous perennial with a rigidly upright and towering form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Lupini White Shades Lupine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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### **Planting & Growing**

Lupini White Shades Lupine will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity extending to 16 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 3 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in clay soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets.

Lupini White Shades Lupine is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

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