

# blue phlox

*Phlox divaricata* Also known as: **wild sweet William, woodland phlox**

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This description is for **blue phlox** (*Phlox divaricata*):

**Blue phlox adds colour to rock gardens. Which is quite easy, given that most rocks are grey.**

Phlox divaricata is commonly referred to as blue phlox. This plant produces cheerful bluish-purple flowers that offer a delightful fragrance. Blue phlox should be planted in areas of partial shade or full shade. It grows well in fertile, moist soil including loamy, sandy, chalky and clay soil. The soil should offer good drainage and ideally have a light layer of mulch. The beautiful blooms of this plant attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Blue phlox looks fantastic within rock gardens and cottage gardens and is a superb choice for edging, ground cover or underplanting. It also is a stunning showstopper in flower borders and beds and is a splendid option for low-maintenance garden designs where fragrance and beautiful colour are key.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<p><b>Known dangers?</b> no</p>	<p><b>Acidity</b> Acidic Neutral Alkaline</p>	<p><b>Standard category</b> Flowers &amp; bulbs Perennials</p>

Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Height [m]</b> 0.2 - 0.35	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z4-8	<b>Grown for</b> None
<b>Spread [m]</b> 0.5	<b>Heat zone</b> H8-1	<b>Creative category</b> Fine fragrants For Beginners Show-offs For birds & bees Roses & classics Author's choice
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Violet	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> -34 - -7	<b>Garden type</b> Woodland Cottage garden
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> Yes, let it smell	<b>Heat days</b> 0 - 120	<b>Garden spaces</b> Flower beds Underplanting Ground cover
<b>Flowering seasons</b> Late spring Early summer	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained but frequently watered	<b>Gardening expertise</b> beginner
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Green	<b>Soil type</b> sandy chalky loams	<b>Time to reach full size</b> 2 to 5 years
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Green	<b>Sun requirements</b> Partial shade	
<b>Foliage in Autumn</b> Green	<b>Exposure</b> Exposed Sheltered	
<b>Foliage in winter</b> Green		
<b>Awards?</b> Yes, let it smell		
<b>Propagation methods</b> basal cuttings division root cuttings		
<b>Growth habit</b> Mat-forming Spreading		