

HARDY DELPHINIUM ON THE MOVE

Delphinium Highlander® Series The entire series has been patented. Asexual propagation is strictly prohibited

Delphinium is a stately, elegant perennial, which makes the garden truly splendid. Every year they astonish you by their regal colours and elegant stature. They come in an array of beautiful colours but are most famous for their astounding blue shades. Delphiniums peak bloom period is early to midsummer and may continue late into the fall. Delphinium is extremely hardy and are one of the easiest plants to grow. Even when planted in a less than ideal spot and never get around to pampering them, they still thrive and bloom wonderfully.

A complete, brand new and excellent outstanding range of Delphiniums is undoubtedly the Delphinium Highlander® Series, bred by the Scottish couple Tony and Maureen Coakley.

The Herald Scotland daily reported about this couple as follows: "no pain, no gain is the motto of one man who goes to great lengths to reach perfection. The art of taking pains is what has transformed a non-gardener into one of the most eminent growers of Delphinium. One day they bought a packet of Delphinium seeds of which actually one seed grew up. When they saw it flowering they were hooked. Though no gardener of profession, Tony started breeding Delphinium as a hobby and won a lot of prizes on shows. He used to have hobbies like fishing and weight training but that's all in the past now. Delphiniums have taken over his life". One of Tony's success stories is the creation of the double frilled Delphinium Highlander® Series which consists of 5 outstanding varieties.



Delphinium hybrid Blueberry Pie. This carnation-like blossoms has frilled edges. Its multiple petals are a non-fading luxurious pale lilac, offset with green centres. The back petals are tinged with blue. Foliage is a medium green, starting in a rosette arrangement at the plant base and alternating along the flowering stem. This dwarf double Delphinium looks ravishing in the middle of the front of the perennial garden, great for showing off how unique it is. It is also wonderful



as a cut flower. All this beauty stands proudly upright on a flower stem 70cm in length. The sturdy spike supports some 50 flowers and hold itself high where other Delphinium often fall down. It blooms early through late summer continuously.



Delphinium hybrid Crystal Delight. This variety has fully frilly rosettes of soft lilac with a green heart. Each floret is an exquisite boss of petals in shades, ranging from pale green to shades of blue lavender. The overall effect of these flowers is full and fluffy. The flowers crowd sturdy upright stems, which stand well. Very decorative.



Delphinium hybrid Moonlight. The blossoms on this selection owe their whorled, multi-petalled effect to their delicate pale lilac colour, softly bordered in blue and offset by light-green centres. All this beauty stands proudly upright on sturdy, 60cm long flower spikes that support some 60 floret that hold themselves high. Each floret is 6cm in diameter x 2.5cm deep and has 42 petals. Foliage is medium green. Excellent cut flower.



Delphinium hybrid Morning Sunrise. These gracious, multi-petalled, crisp white flowers with light-green centres have a whorled appearance that gives them a particular elegance. Height of the flower stem about 52cm, supporting some 60 florets. Each floret is 6cm in diameter x 2cm deep and has 45 petals per floret. Wonderful for cut.

Delphinium hybrid Sweet Sensation. These blue-green-tinged multi-petalled whorled flowers in deep royal mauve stand proudly upright on 40cm stems. The stunning bud starts out dark purple. The sturdy flower spike supports some 30 florets and holds itself where often other Delphiniums fall down. Each 50-petal floret is 6cm in diameter and 2.1cm deep. Foliage is lovely medium green. Very suitable for the mixed bouquet.



Delphiniums reign supreme in the summer border. Delphiniums stand out in the garden like rockets or fireworks that have left their blazing trail standing in the air, the most vigorous and meaty verticals the summer garden can provide.