

**Stand By Me Bush Clematis***Clematis 'Stand By Me'*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Description:

This interesting bush variety produces large, blue, nodding flowers with contrasting cream stamens; perfect for beds; non-vining, may benefit from staking or support from nearby plants

Ornamental Features

Stand By Me Bush Clematis features delicate nodding blue star-shaped flowers with creamy white eyes at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid summer, which emerge from distinctive deep purple flower buds. Its compound leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Stand By Me Bush Clematis is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded 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 is a relatively low maintenance plant, 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 hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Stand By Me Bush Clematis is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Stand By Me Bush Clematis flowers
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Planting & Growing

Stand By Me Bush Clematis will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 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. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Stand By Me Bush Clematis is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used 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. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.