

Wild Hyacinth

Camassia Scilloides

Wild Hyacinth is a perennial plant that grows in wet woods, thickets, meadows, prairies and open woodlands. It has a long germination period, so patience is key when planting from seed. This variety grows up to 2 feet tall and its pale blue-violet flowers bloom from March–June. It will thrive in full sun, but can take some open shade. This plant is attractive to a number of insects seeking nectar and pollen, such as butterflies and bees. By mid-summer, the basal leaves turn yellow and wither away, and the plant remains dormant for the rest of the year.

To use: For best results, direct sow outdoors in the fall. Plant just below the surface of the soil and water after planting. For spring planting, mix seeds with moist sand and store in the refrigerator for 60 days before planting. Seedlings need regular watering as they become established, and mature plants may also need occasional watering in blooming season. High heat or excess moisture may cause this plant to stop blooming or go dormant. The stem can be cut down after blooming has finished, though this will prevent the development of seeds. If left to self-seed, this plant will produce seedlings that can be collected and stored for re-planting. Reproduction can also occur from bulb offshoots.

Seed Source: Prairie Moon Nursery

