

HYSSOP Hyssopus officinalis (hiss-SOP-us oh-fiss-ih-NAH-liss) PERENNIAL I LAMIACEAE FAMILY ZONES: 3 TO 11 EXPOSURE: FULL SUN I AFTERNOON SHADE MATURE HEIGHT: 2 FT I SPREAD 18" BLOOM: BLUE I SUMMER



An ornamental herb and shrubby evergreen thought to ward off evil and misfortune by Ancient Greeks, Hyssop is a profuse bloomer producing fragrant flowers on spikes that can be used in wreaths, potpourri or arrangements.

- Grow as a low hedge on a slope to help with erosion. Trim back in spring to extend plant life.
- Therapeutic*: its leaves are bitter, but are still used to brew teas to aide in digestion and as a cough expectorant. Combined with Horehound and honey in tea, Hyssop creates a natural alternative to store-bought cough syrups.
- Externally as a poultice it can be used to help reduce bruising and heal cuts.
- Culinary: flowers and leaves are used as flavoring in stews, soups and sauces. Oil us used in Chartreuse liquor.

<u>Caution</u>: Not for use during pregnancy.





*Information is based on research of the historical uses of this herb and does not constitute medical advice. Consult a medical professional before using any herb for therapeutic purposes.

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