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Lupinus perennis

Wild Lupine



A field of wild lupine in bloom is absolutely spectacular. Does well on sandy loams to very dry sandy soils. Will not grow in clay. Lupine is the only food plant for the larve of the endangered Karner Blue butterfly.

Suggested companions: white false indigo (*Baptisia lactea*), butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), wild bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*), little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparius*) and other prairie grasses.

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Plant Type: Wildflower

Size: 1-2.5' H
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Water Tolerant: No

Soil: Sandy/ Gravelly

Flower Color:

Bloom Time:

Other Attributes:

Habitat:

Open field/ Prairie

Blue
Pink
Purple

May
June

Butterfly attracting
Deer resistant

Exposure: sun
filtered

Plant in:

Groundcover: No