

Plant "Imagination"



Aconitum (Monkshood)
A. napellus (Common Monkshood) or
A. carmichaelii 'Arendsii'

The stately spires of deep blue to purple Aconitum are unforgettable. Commonly called 'monkshood' because each blossom so closely resembles a helmet or hood, it is sometimes also called 'wolfsbane' as its poisonous roots, leaves and stems were once used as poison bait for wolves in old England. Aconitum is a wonderful cut flower but care should be taken when handling it for this reason.



Aconitum is a remarkable and tall plant (3' - 5') for the back of the midsummer garden (*A. napellus*) or for its late season blossoms and frost hardiness (*A. carmichaelii*). These plants prefer to settle in where they're planted rather than being moving around, and like full sun with sufficient moisture, but will tolerate a bit of afternoon shade.