

# *Plant 'Imagination'*



## *Scabiosa 'Butterfly Blue'*

The common name for this herbaceous perennial is “pincushion flower. It is part of the Caprifoliaceae family and it has showy Lavender-blue blooms. Grow in zone 5-9. Easily grown in average, well-drained soil in full sun. Tolerates part shade, particularly in the hot summer climates of the deep South. Prefers light soils with neutral pH. Intolerant of wet soils, especially in winter. Remove spent flowers to encourage additional bloom. This pincushion flower cultivar is a compact, clump-forming perennial which typically grows only 12-15" tall. Long and profuse bloom from late April until frost. Blooms almost all year in mild winter climates. Flowers (2" diameter) feature an outer ring of frilly, flat, lavender-blue petals and a paler domed center cushion with protruding stamens (resembling pins in a pincushion). Flowers bloom singly on stiff stems. Finely cut, grayish-green basal leaves.

No serious insect or disease problems.

Dwarfing habit and lengthy bloom period make these excellent plants for grouping or massing in border fronts and rock gardens. Can be used as edging. Attractive when combined with the pink-flowered companion plant Scabiosa 'Pink Mist'.