

# Echium

## Barton Nurseries Fact Sheet

**Hardy Varieties** These varieties are totally hardy and will withstand any temperatures. **Echium Valgare, Echium Russicum.**

**Half Hardy Varieties** These varieties will tolerate temperatures down to approx minus 5. Any colder if grown in a pot, move in to a Garage/Porch/Cold Greenhouse. If in the garden wrap with fleece and cover with something waterproof. All Echiums like wind movement so during the day uncover or move outside. **Echium Candicans, Echium Wildpretti, Echiums Pininanas Snow Tower, Blue Steeple and Pink Fountain.**

**Perennial Varieties** These should flower each year. **Echium Russicum, Echium Candicans.**

**Bi Annual Varieties** **Echium Wildpretti, Echium Vulgare, Echiums Pininanas Snow Tower, Blue Steeple and Pink Fountain.**

These varieties will flower every other year or every third year depending on their size in the 1st year. First year plants will grow into a bush, in the second spring/early summer the Echiums will shoot a flower spike, flower, then go to seed and die off. The seeds will then set and the following year, seeds will produce a bush and the process starts again. After the first 2 years you should get flowers every year as they will self seed. It is possible to collect seeds, keep in a paper bag and store in the fridge.



**All Echiums** like well drained soil whether in a pot or in the garden and a sunny position. A good soil to use is John Innes number 2 mixed with some gravel. **Water sparingly and feed throughout the summer.**