



2013 Promising Plant

Lavandula angustifolia

'Thumbelina Leigh' PP#15231

FAMILY

Lamiaceae

GENUS

Lavandula

SPECIFIC EPITHET

angustifolia

CULTIVAR

'Thumbelina Leigh'

COMMON NAME

Dwarf English lavender

LEAVES

Small, narrow, grey-green, fragrant

FLOWER COLOR

Dark lavender-blue, fragrant

BLOOM PERIOD

Late spring/early summer and mid-summer

PLANT TYPE

Evergreen subshrub

PROPAGATION

Cuttings, layering

USE

Culinary, crafting, medicinal

HEIGHT/WIDTH

12-15"H x 18"W

LIGHT

Full sun to partial shade

SOIL

Well-drained gravelly soil

WATER

Little additional water once established

HABIT

Very short rounded bush

HARDINESS

Zones 5-10

Promising Qualities

- ❖ Outstanding dwarf lavender
- ❖ Long blooming
- ❖ Sweet, long-lasting fragrance
- ❖ Good edging or knot garden plant

Lavandula angustifolia 'Thumbelina Leigh' is a cross between two heirloom English varieties 'Hidcote' and 'Munstead'. It was raised by Elsie and Brian Hall of Blenheim, North Island, New Zealand in the mid-1990s (Upson and Andrews). The plant is small and compact. The dark lavender-blue flowers are chubby and have purple-blue calyces. It blooms heavily as well as long. 'Thumbelina Leigh' tolerates soil of low fertility as long as it is well drained. While it is hardy in Zones 5-10, it is not recommended for fall planting in Zones 5 and 6.

Reference:

Upson, T. & S. Andrews. 2004.
The genus *Lavandula*. Portland, OR:
Timber Press.

Photo:

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Where can I find this plant?

- ❖ Goodwin Creek Gardens
www.goodwincreekgardens.com
- ❖ Find a retailer at
www.monrovia.com

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