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# 2013 Promising Plant

# Lavandula x intermedia 'Phenomenal'

#### **FAMILY**

Lamiaceae

#### **GENUS**

Lavandula
SPECIFIC EPITHET

x intermedia

### CULTIVAR

'Phenomenal'

#### **COMMON NAMES**

Hybrid lavender, lavandin

#### **LEAVES**

Silvery-green, fragrant

#### FLOWER COLOR

Purple-blue in long spikes, fragrant

#### **BLOOM PERIOD**

Mid-summer, late summer, early fall

#### **PLANT TYPE**

Perennial evergreen subshrub

#### **PROPAGATION**

Cuttings, layering

#### IISE

Medicinal, culinary, ornamental

#### **HEIGHT/WIDTH**

24-32"H x 24-32"W

#### LIGHT

Full sun

#### SOIL

Average, slightly moist, with excellent drainage

#### WATER

Little additional water once established

#### **HABIT**

Mounding shrub

#### **HARDINESS**

Zones 4-8

## **Promising Qualities**

- Excellent performer
- Exceptional winter survival
- Tolerates extreme heat and humidity
- Excellent for drying

Lavandula x intermedia 'Phenomenal' is a new lavandin developed and introduced by Peace Tree Farm of Kintnersville, PA in 2012. It is a sport of L. x intermedia 'Grosso'. The L. x intermedias are native to southwestern Europe and are generally hardier than L. angustifolia (although not quite as flavorful for culinary uses). 'Phenomenal' tolerates extreme heat and humidity, does not die back in winter, and is resistant to common root and foliar diseases. Peace Farm recommends clipping the plant back by half in spring to maintain its vigor.

The long spikes of purple-blue flowers are very fragrant and well presented. They are very good for drying and for crafting.

#### Reference:

Peace Tree Farm www.peacetreefarm

## Where can I find this plant?

 Access Peace Tree Farm to find a local retailer www.peacetreefarm

The Herb Society of America 9109 Kirtland-Chardon Rd. Kirtland, OH 44094

