

Purple Hyacinth Bean Vine

Lablab purpureus

At a Glance

Height: 8 to 15 feet tall (vigorous climbing vine)

Bloom Colors: Lavender-purple flowers with shiny purple pods

Bloom Time: Mid-summer to frost

Days to Maturity: 90-100 days

Best For: Trellises, fences, ornamental edible vine

Growing Conditions Quick Reference

Soil Temperature: 70-85F for best germination

Soil Type: Well-drained, moderately fertile soil

Light Requirements: Full sun

Planting Depth: 1 inch deep

Seeding Rate: 2-3 seeds per hole, thin to strongest seedling

Plant Spacing: 12 inches apart

Moisture Needs: Moderate; avoid waterlogging

Average Germination Time: 7-14 days (soak seeds overnight for better germination)

How to Grow

When to Plant: Direct sow after last frost when soil is warm.

Location: Full sun with a sturdy trellis or support.

Spacing: Thin seedlings to 12 inches apart.

Watering: Moderate; deep water during dry spells.

Fertilizer: Light feeding mid-season encourages blooms.

Tips for Success

Soak seeds overnight to improve germination.

Provide strong support for climbing vines.

Deadhead to encourage continuous blooms.

Pods are ornamental but should not be eaten raw.

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Fun Fact

Purple Hyacinth Bean Vines are highly ornamental, producing clusters of fragrant flowers and vibrant purple pods beloved by pollinators.

Companion Planting

Pairs well with morning glories and moonflowers for mixed-color displays on the same trellis.

Harvesting and Use

Enjoy as an ornamental vine. Seeds can be collected from mature pods at the end of the season.

Quick Planting Checklist

- Soak seeds overnight before planting
- Sow after last frost
- Provide trellis or support
- Thin seedlings to 12 inches apart
- Deadhead for more blooms