

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Water: Low to moderate requirements

Growth Form: Height -3' to 4' in bloom; foliage -18" to 2' tall; spread -2' to 3'

Growth Rate: Moderate

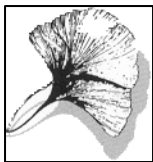
Foliage: Rich green strap-like leaves with fountain-like habit
Flowers: Tubular, deep blue-violet flowers in umbels to 7" across
Bloom time: Mid-summer to early fall

USES IN THE LANDSCAPE

- Mass planting in warmer areas
- Color accent in colder areas
- In borders
- By pools
- In planter boxes

SPECIAL FEATURES

- Large, deep blue-violet flowers
- 3' to 4' tall flowerstalks
- Evergreen to 28 degrees F
- Up to 100 flowers per umbel
- Good cut flowers



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Cultivation Requirements

Agapanthus 'Storm Cloud' is an adaptable, easy care plant. It prefers rich, moist, well drained soil although once established it is tolerant of drier conditions. It flowers most abundantly in full sun, but in hot environments 'Storm Cloud' should be placed where it is lightly shaded during the hottest part of the day. It seldom needs dividing. Divisions, when desired, should be made in spring.

Growth Habits

Very similar to *Agapanthus africanus*, forming circular clumps two feet tall by three feet wide.

Pest, Disease and Environmental Considerations

Agapanthus 'Storm Cloud' has few insect or disease problems except susceptibility to snail damage.

History

The original specimen of this plant was a seedling produced by Barrie Coate from the cultivar A. 'Mood Indigo,' a hybrid developed by the Los Angeles State and Country Arboretum by hybridizing *A. africanus* with *A. pendulus*, a very dark purple species. The cultivar now called 'Storm Cloud' was selected for its production of 3' to 4' flower stems, 100 flowers per umbel and very dark blue-violet flower color.