



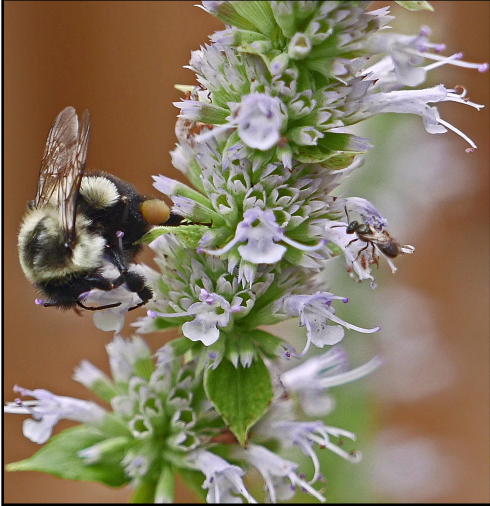

Agastache foeniculum

Anise or Blue Giant Hyssop

Tried and True
Native Plant Selections
for the Mid-Atlantic

Anise Hyssop inhabits widely scattered areas in the northern United States and Canada. Though indigenous in the Mid-Atlantic* to only a few counties in Pennsylvania, it grows easily throughout in well-drained soil. Pretty purplish flower spikes, which attract pollinators all summer, add a vertical layer to the garden; the leaves and seeds add anise flavor to teas, salads, and baked goods.



Perennial	Clump, Flowers w/ Pollinators,** Seedheads
Height: 2–5 feet	 
Spread: 1½–3 feet	
Bloom Color: Pale blue, lavender, purple	
Characteristics	
Clump-forming perennial with erect, square stems	 
Aromatic, opposite , broadly lanceolate , toothed, leaves—dull green above and canescent below	
Bilabiate flowers with exserted stamens & calyxes ranging from green tinged with lavender to deep purple borne on terminal spikes of verticillasters June to September; flowers replaced by nutlets	
Spreads by rhizomes ; self seeds in best conditions	
Attributes	
Tolerates shallow rocky soil, dry soil, drought; intolerant of water-logged, clay soil , esp. in winter	
No serious problems but watch for root rot (in soggy soil), rust, powdery mildew, leaf spot; anise scent deters some leaf-chewers; deer rarely damage	
Use in fresh or dried bouquets; edible flowers, leaves	
Attracts myriad bees, syrphid flies, butterflies, moths, hummers to its nectar; birds to its seeds; larval host to ~3 lepidopterans incl. Summer Azure	
Growing and Maintenance Tips	Excellent Replacement for
Soil Requirements : Well-drained	Buddleia davidii - Butterfly Bush
Light Requirements : Sun, Partial Shade	Lythrum salicaria - Purple Loosestrife
Water Requirements : Dry, Moist	Lythrum virgatum - European Wand Loosestrife
Performs best in sun; deadhead spent flowers to extend bloom time; divide spring or fall	<p>*In Delaware, it is found as rare escapes to disturbed ground. It is not native to NoVA. **Eastern tiger swallowtail butterfly, common eastern bumble bee, and halictid (sweat) bee.</p>
Use in butterfly/pollinator, cottage, cutting, herb, or raised bed gardens and in borders or meadows	
Hardiness : USDA Zones 4a–8b	
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