

Growing borage

Borago officinalis

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

2–11

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun

POLLINATORS

Yes

AT A GLANCE

Borage germinates easily, thrives in poor soil, and flowers within 5-8 weeks of direct sowing. Its one major management challenge is aggressive self-seeding -- deadhead consistently if you want to control spread.

PLANTING CHECKLIST

- Match site to sun requirements above before buying
- Test soil drainage — dig a 12" hole, fill with water, time it (should drain in 1–2 hrs)
- Dig hole 2x wider than rootball, same depth
- Backfill with native soil — do NOT amend the planting hole
- Water deeply at planting and weekly for first 3 weeks
- Mulch 2" deep, keep mulch 2" away from trunk/stems

FULL GUIDE WITH SOURCES

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