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SUNDIAL LUPINE

Lupinus perennis

Also known as Wild Lupine, this long-lived perennial wildflower boasts tall clusters of purple/blue pea-like flowers. Palmate leaves are beautiful on their own!

Benefits for Wildlife

- Attracts butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds
- Birds and small mammals eat the seeds
- Deer browse the foliage

Host to at least 4 caterpillar species
(*common names*): Eastern-tailed Blue; Silvery Blue; Red-Humped Caterpillar; Karner Blue

Benefits for People

- Enhances soil fertility through nitrogen fixing
- Deadhead spent flowers to promote additional blooms
- Collect seed in June-July before pod explodes

Growing Information

<i>Sunlight</i>	Sun, part shade
<i>Soil Type</i>	Dry and sandy, well-drained
<i>Height</i>	1-3'
<i>Width</i>	1-2'
<i>Flowering calendar</i>	April-July

Natural Habitat

- Sand hills, open woods, clearings

