## **Try Blue Color in the Landscape**

as a substitute for true in- 10 inches. This annual 18 inches tall. They grow digo in making blue dyes. plant tolerates heat and best in full sun and tolerblue-green leaves. False not need to be removed indigo prefers full sun.

'May Night' (Mainacht) the plant looking nice. superba or Saliva nemero- Petunia (Petunia x atkinsisa) has deep violet-blue ana) has indigo blue flow- Blue torenia (Torenia hystalk. The perennial plant hints of hyacinth, honey, reaches 18 inches tall, and rose. The fragrance tubular-shaped flowers blooming in the spring. It becomes more noticeable and full sun. 'May Night' ning. This annual blooms als. The carefree annual tolerates heat and drought throughout the growing plant is covered with flowconditions.

Plumbago (Ceratostigperennial. It has a central drained soil.

summer. The attractive an- soil and tolerates summer noon shade. It grows best nual reaches 6 to 12 inch-heat. es in height and spreads up to 24 inches. It is easy australis) grows erect to care for and grows best our area but can reseed in hanging baskets or con- itself and come up next ers/ or contact the Estill tainers. It prefers full sun year. 'Fairy Queen' has County Extension office at and tolerates heat.

inflated charcoal-black tunia (Petunia hybrid) has plant reaches 18 inches seed capsule. The pods beautiful sky blue flowers in height and 14 inches in are desirable to use in with a hint of lavender. width. 'Victoria' has deep dried flower arrange- The fast-growing plant violet-blue to deep blue ments. This plant was reaches 6 to 10 inches in flowers. The plants are used by early Americans height and spreads 8 to compact, reaching 16 to

after blooming to keep

meadow sage (Salvia X Evening Scentsation TM flowers produced on a ers that are fragrant with prefers well-drained soil in the afternoon and eveseason. The plant reaches ers all summer. The plant 5 to 8 inches tall and 30 to reaches 8 to 10 inches tall Blue is a great choice for ma plumbaginoides) is a 35 inches wide. It prefers and 10 to 12 inches wide. UK fans, but most likely low-growing, 10-inch tall a moist, well-drained soil.

The summer snapdraging most games. There are crown, making it ideal for on Angelface® Dresden several perennials and an- a ground cover to help Blue (Angelonia angusnuals available with blue control erosion in small tifolia) reaches 18 to 24 or hints/tones of blue areas. Morning sun and inches tall and spreads 18 to enjoy in your garden. afternoon shade show off to 24 inches wide. The lav-Below are names and de- the marine blue, phlox- ender-blue, 1-inch flowers scriptions you may find of like flowers. It blooms in are bicolor with a single late summer through the white, angel-shaped petal fall, when the foliage be- on the downside. Flowers in well-drained soil and nium (Geranium) forms comes a beautiful bronze are produced on spikes. full sun. The plant reaches a spreading mound about red. This plant needs well- This annual flowers all 16 to 18 inches wide and summer long with little 30 to 40 inches in height Blue My Mind® (Evol- care. Deadheading old with the flower stem inblue flowers appear in late vulus hybrid) has silver- flower stalks is not neces- cluded. (Source: Annette green foliage with blue sary. It prefers to grow in Heisdorffer, UK Horticul-This perennial prefers flowers throughout the full sun and well-drained ture)

> farinacea) is an annual in dark blue and white bicol-723-4557. Surfina® Sky Blue Pe- or flowers on spikes. The

Use it as a specimen plant is a beautiful addition to ate heat and drought. The to display its clover-like, patio pots. The flowers do flower spikes can be used in fresh arrangements. Butterflies and hummingbirds are attracted to the blossoms.

Summer Wave® Large brid) grows best in shade to partial shade. The large are two toned with darker blue and lighter blue pet-

Lastly, 'Best Bet' tall bearded iris (Iris germanica) blooms in the spring and may re-bloom in the fall. The large flowers have light blue standards, which are upright petals, and dark blue falls, which are downward bending petals. It prefers to grow

For more information on Kentucky garden flow-Mealycup sage (Salvia ers, visit the webpage http://www.uky.edu/Ag/ Horticulture/gardenflow-

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The Pantone Color In-

stitute named Classic Blue

the color of 2020 to convey

calmness and tranquility.

won't instill calmness dur-

'Johnson's Blue' Gera-

12 inches in height and

24 to 30 inches wide. The

spring to early summer.

morning sun and after-

in well-drained, moist soil.

with stalks of blue, lupine-

like flowers in spring. Af-

ter the flower has faded.

the seed pod becomes an

False indigo (Baptisia

interest.

Solomon's seal spreads well in shady areas. In spring, its gracefully arching stems become lined with small, white, bell-shaped blooms that hang in clusters. Its fruit are bluish-black berries loved by wildlife. It is also used in tinctures, salves and teas as a traditional treatment for injuries of the tendons, joints, ligaments, bones, bruises, connecting tissues, and more. You can find dwarf versions just a few inches in height, and other varieties up to 12 feet tall. -Brenda Weaver Source: www.bhg.com



See to ID If you can invest in a pair of binoculars, do so. The other day I saw a new bird at my feeder.

Because of sun glare, I could not identify it. Grabbing my binoculars, I was delighted when a male painted bunting came into view. He was gorgeous and stayed all day. Wow!

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