



# Mona Lisa Blue Shades Windflower Anemone coronaria 'Mona Lisa Blue Shades'

Hardiness Zone: 6b
Other Names: Poppy Anemone

Group/Class: Mona Lisa Series

## **Description:**

This variety forms a dense clump of ferny foliage in spring, then produces stunning blue-lavender poppy-like flowers; very pretty when massed in the garden or along

borders



Mona Lisa Blue Shades Windflower flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Mona Lisa Blue Shades Windflower is smothered in stunning blue buttercup flowers with lavender overtones and black eyes at the ends of the stems from early to late spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its ferny leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Mona Lisa Blue Shades Windflower is a dense herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Mona Lisa Blue Shades Windflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use



### **Planting & Growing**

Mona Lisa Blue Shades Windflower will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen! As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.