

Meconopsis x sheldonii
'Lingholm'

New Crop Report

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Taxonomy



- ◆ *Meconopsis x sheldonii* 'Lingholm'
- ◆ (*M. betonicifolia* x *M. grandis.*)
- ◆ Papaveraceae
- ◆ Himalayan Blue Poppy

Distribution

- ◆ Qinghai, Gansu, Sichuan, Hubei, and Yunnan China
- ◆ Kashmir and Sikkim India
- ◆ Myanmar
- ◆ Nepal
- ◆ Bhutan
- ◆ Tibet



Native Habitat

- ◆ 3,000-5000m
- ◆ High altitude with cool summers
- ◆ Higher altitudes mostly herbaceous
- ◆ Mid range some shrubs
- ◆ Intermingles at lower altitudes



Taxonomic Description

- ◆ Rosette
- ◆ Flowering at 2- 3 feet
- ◆ Fibrous root system with rhizomes
- ◆ Lanceolate, hairy
- ◆ Sky blue four petals
- ◆ Yellow anthers



Propagation



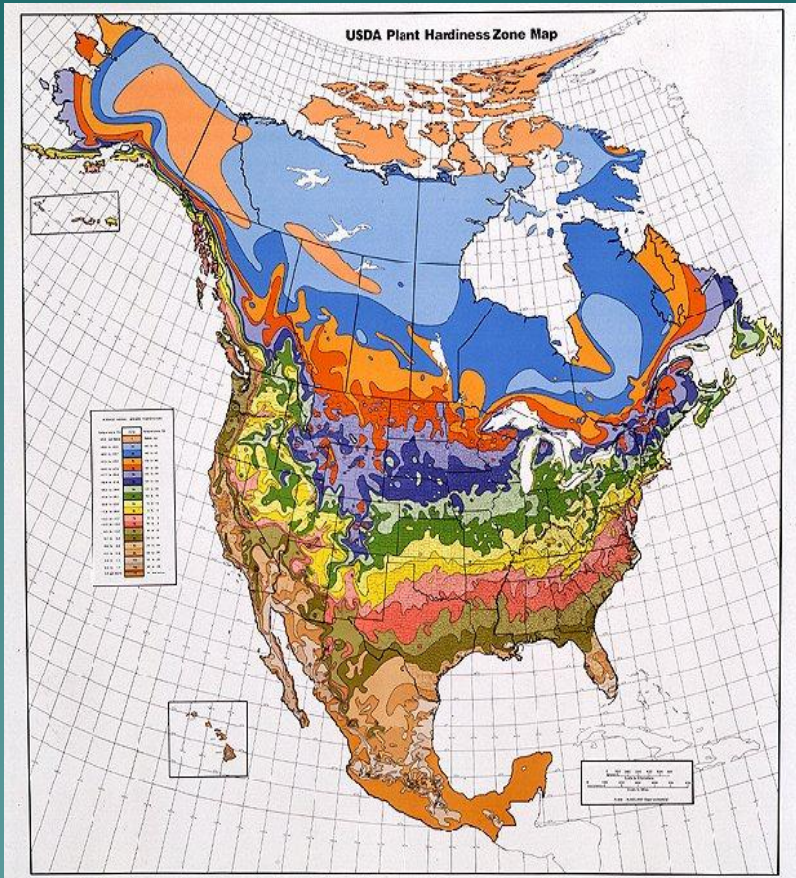
- ◆ Seed
- ◆ 30-70 seed per flower
- ◆ Cold Stratification possible, but may not be necessary
- ◆ 75 F Day 55 F Night
- ◆ 2-4 Weeks

Market Niche

- ◆ Target sales of Mother's day, 4th of July (Blue) and cut flowers
- ◆ Bachelor button, Bell flower
- ◆ Rare. Himalayan flower
- ◆ One of the easiest Meconopsis cultivars on the market



Cultural Requirements



- ◆ USDA zone 6-8
- ◆ Little heat tolerance!
- ◆ High light as long as plant is kept cool
- ◆ Prefers rich organic soil so I would guess nutrition is fairly high
- ◆ Neutral to acidic soil
- ◆ Largest problem is getting cool enough summers while still having soft enough winters.

Production Schedule

- ◆ Stage 1 14-18d
65-55 F
- ◆ Stage 2-4 6
weeks 75 F
Day 55 F Night
- ◆ Grow on in
4inch 12 weeks



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