

# Emerald Goddess Gardens

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## A Gift from Our Garden

<b>Botanical Name</b>	Plectranthus 'Mona Lavender'
<b>Common Name</b>	Lavender Spur Flower
<b>Mature Size</b>	2 ft.
<b>Bloom Color</b>	Lavender
<b>Bloom Period</b>	Summer to Fall
<b>Bloom Form</b>	Tubular Clusters
<b>Water</b>	Moderate
<b>Light</b>	Light to Medium Shade
<b>Fragrance</b>	None
<b>Uses</b>	Potted, Bedding, Shade Accent
<b>Special Features</b>	Easy to grow, long lasting showy bloom
<b>USDA Hardiness</b>	9, 10, 11



**Plectranthus** is large genus of more than 40 species of plants native to South Africa and belonging to the mint family (Lamiaceae).

This particular cultivar was developed in the late 1990's at the renown Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens in Cape Town, South Africa and was introduced into the US chain garden center market by Ball in 2005.

This superior cultivar is a quick growing shrub that is perineal in subtropical and tropical zones. It's versatility, low growing size, compact growth habit and long bloom period make it an excellent choice for mixed beds and borders as well as potted culture.

Although this plant is prized for it's profuse, long lasting bloom, the plant is also very attractive and adds texture and interest when it is not blooming. The leaves are a dark purplish green with eggplant colored undersides. From late spring to fall the plant is covered with spikes of tubular blossoms in multi shades of lavender.

Find a larger starter size **Mona Lavender** on our website and skip the wait to maturity on your starter plug!

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If you don't know your USDA Planting Zone, you can check the map on our website site at [emeraldgoddessgardens.com](http://emeraldgoddessgardens.com)

## ***Please accept this gift from our garden:***

- It is sent with our thanks, and in an effort to keep the old tradition of pass-along plants alive.
- We understand that it might not be a plant you like, or even have spot for. If that should be the case, then please pass it along to a friend. (Along with our contact information, we hope!)
- We change the type of plant that we enclose frequently, so you can anticipate a new surprise with each new order.
- *Enjoy, and please come back often!*

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### **Care of your starter plug:**

Direct planting of starter plugs directly into landscaped is not recommended. So, for the best results with your new starter plug, we suggest that it be repotted into a larger pot and allowed to grow larger until the new pot is filled with roots before setting out.

- Immediately re-pot the new plant into a 6-8 inch diameter pot that can drain easily and thoroughly.
- Use a good quality commercial potting media.
- Apply a high quality, **slow release** plant food according to the label directions.
- Locate so that the plant can receive direct, full spectrum, light for several hours daily, but is protected from hot, direct afternoon sun.
- If reusing the crystals, mix and incorporate them thoroughly throughout the potting media.
- Be sure the pot can drain and that the bottom of the pot does not sit submerged in water for more than a day
- Supplement feed with a water soluble plant food every 2-3 weeks according to the label directions.
- Prune or pinch lightly and often when the plant is young and actively growing to strength the central stalk and encourage branching and build uniform shape.
- Monitor for signs of disease or insects and treat accordingly
- Protect from freeze and frost
- Allow the new plot to fill with roots before setting out in the landscape in the recommended USDA Zone Range for the plant.