





# Six Pack: Full Sun, Cool Tones

Plant as you wish! Plant-by-number design not included.



Looking to fill just a few empty spots in your full sun garden? Perhaps you just need to add a few additional cool tones to round out the look? This six pack of full sun, low-water perennials works perfectly to help fill out your existing garden beds with a few cool-toned beauties. The Lavender and Rocky Mountain Penstemon add hues of purples while the Blue Spruce Sedum brings in some blue-green foliage to finish out the package. And, yes, the sedum does bloom yellow, which will add the perfect dash of contrasting color!

-  Full sun exposure (requires a minimum of 6 hrs of direct sun per day)
-  Blooms early spring to summer
-  Low water needs
-  Hardiness maximum of 8,000 ft.

## Individual Plant Information

### BLUE SPRUCE SEDUM - *Sedum* 'Blue Spruce'

QTY. 2



This evergreen perennial has a low-growing, trailing habit with blue-green, conifer-like leaves and yellow star-shaped flowers on reddish-hued stems. A vigorous grower.



Mature height 4-6"  
Mature spread 12-15"



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms summer



Attracts bees, birds, butterflies



Resists deer, rabbits



**CARE:** Prefers full sun or part shade. Only occasional watering needed once established. This low-maintenance sedum can handle some neglect!

### DEEP BLUE LAVENDER - *Lavandula angustifolia* 'Hidcote'

QTY. 2



Scented, lavender-blue flowers on tight spikes thrust above aromatic gray foliage, creating an attractive, compact clump that stays green all year round.



Mature height 15-20"  
Mature spread 15-20"



Full sun



Low water needs



Blooms early spring to midsummer



Attracts bees



Resists deer, rabbits



**CARE:** Low-maintenance plant needing little care. Once established, it only needs occasional watering. For dried flowers, cut flowers when first hint of color shows at the base of the spike, leaving about an inch of the green growth above the woody stem.

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN PENSTEMON - *Penstemon strictus*

QTY. 2



The brilliant, midnight-blue flowers form on stout stalks arising from narrow, glossy green leaves. This semi-evergreen variety is native to the Rockies.



Mature height 18-24"  
Mature spread 12-18"



Full sun to part shade



Low water needs



Blooms early to midsummer



Attracts bees, hummingbirds



**CARE:** Penstemon varieties prefer not to be overcrowded and prefer maximum heat and sun exposure. Avoid enriching the soil around these finicky plants — it will shorten their life span. This semi-evergreen can be slow to establish, so be sure to weed around it regularly to improve establishment.

# Plant Maintenance by Season

MAINTENANCE TASKS	PLANT
<b>SPRING</b> (AFTER FIRST GROWING SEASON)	
Cut back old growth or winter damage to 4 inches before new growth begins to show.	Deep Blue Lavender, Rocky Mountain Penstemon
“Comb out” or remove dead foliage before new growth begins to show.	Blue Spruce Sedum
<b>FALL</b>	
Leave last blooms to self-seed and/or feed the birds come winter.	Rocky Mountain Penstemon
Do not cut back! Wait until spring to cut back to avoid crown rot.	Deep Blue Lavender



## NEED MORE INFO?

Refer to the Plant & Care Guide for more general planting, watering, and maintenance tips.

Refer to our online Garden Resources page for tips on turf removal, drip system conversion, pot and flat recycling, and more at [ResourceCentral.org/gardens/garden-in-a-box-resources](https://ResourceCentral.org/gardens/garden-in-a-box-resources)

Check out our Materials Reuse facility, located at 6400 Arapahoe Road in Boulder, for reclaimed materials and tools to help you prepare and outfit your garden for the year.