# Dark Star California Lilac

***Ceanothus 'Dark Star'***



*Dark Star California Lilac flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 7b

**Description:**

A very dense, lower growing shrub with dark green glossy foliage; a prolific bloomer with beautiful flower clusters in shades of blue, adding color in the spring; perfect for borders and rock gardens; very drought tolerant once established

**Ornamental Features**

Dark Star California Lilac is bathed in stunning cymes of blue star-shaped flowers along the branches from late spring to early summer. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

**Landscape Attributes**

Dark Star California Lilac is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.



*Dark Star California Lilac*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Dark Star California Lilac is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

**Planting & Growing**

Dark Star California Lilac will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.