

Agastache

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Mint Family (Lamiaceae)

Zones: 4-8

Full Sun to Partial Shade

Low Water

Location: Amphitheater, Herb Garden, Floral Walk, Four Seasons Garden, Fragrance Garden, Orangerie, Rose Garden, Visitor Center



Agastache, or hummingbird mint, is an aromatic perennial herb with many species which are planted throughout the Garden. This genus is a native to North America and Asia and is a wonderful plant for your water-wise garden. These beautiful plants range in colors from blues and purples, to coral reds and pinks.

Their height ranges from up to 5 feet to dwarf varieties. Some species are cold tolerant up to Zone 4. Agastaches benefit from and rebloom after the regular dead-heading of spent flowers. Cut them back in spring, to ensure that they will over-winter during especially cold winters.

To name a few of the many different varieties and cultivars, here are some we have planted throughout the Garden: Agastache 'Blue Fortune', Agastache 'Firebird', Agastache foeniculum 'Fragrant Delight', Agastache Mexicana 'Acapulco Orange', Agastache rupestris 'Apache Sunset', and Agastache urticifolia 'Honey Bee Blue'. Agastache foeniculum is the variety people usually associate with the smell of licorice or anise, as the common name is Anise hyssop.