



DarwinPerennials®

**2019 Culture Trial  
Highlights!**

# Nepeta Round Up



Blue Prelude



Whispurr Blue



Junior Walker



Whispurr Pink

# Nepeta Whispurr series

## Features:

- Large flowers and panicles make for an excellent flower show both at retail and in the landscape

Group	Transplant	Pinch	Ship	Weeks to Finish	Comments
1	11	14	21	10	Maximum flowering
2	17	18	24	7	Maximum flowering
4	25	26	31	6	
5	28	29	37	9	



Whispurr Blue



Whispurr Pink

Overwintered in IL trials  
Photo: 6.20.19

# Nepeta Whispurr Blue



**Group 1**  
Planted: wk 11  
Photo: wk 22 (5.31.19)



**Group 2**  
Planted: wk 17  
Photo: wk 25 (6.20.19)



**Group 4**  
Planted: wk 25  
Photo: wk 31 (8.2.19)

# Nepeta Junior Walker

## Features:

- A petite nepeta that packs a punch with its full-size flower show
- 1/3 the size of Walkers Low!

Group	Transplant	Pinch	Ship	Weeks to Finish	Comments
1	11	14	21	10	Maximum flowering
3	20	21	26	6	Maximum flowering
4	25	26	31	6	
5	28	29	37	9	



Overwintered in PA trials  
Photo: 5.27.16

# Nepeta Junior Walker Trials



## Group 1

Planted: wk 11

Photo: wk 21 (5.24.19)



## Group 3

Planted: wk 20

Photo: wk 27 (7.1.19)

# Nepeta Blue Prelude

## Features:

- Large flowers that attract pollinators on a robust plant that scales up to 3 feet tall during the second year in the landscape



Group	Transplant	Pinch	Ship	Weeks to Finish	Comments
1	11	14	22	11	Maximum flowering
2	17	18	25	8	Maximum flowering
3	20	21	26	6	Maximum flowering
4	25	26	30	5	Not recommended

# Nepeta Blue Prelude Trials



## Group 1

Planted: wk 11 Photo: wk 24 (6.14.19)



## Group 2

Planted: wk 17  
Photo: wk 26 (6.28.19)



# Nepeta Blue Prelude Group 3



Planted: wk 20  
Photo: wk 26 (6.28.19)

# Penstemon Quartz series

## Features:

- Sturdy upright habit with good basal branching
- Large flowers in a range of colors
- Zone 6 hardy

Group	Transplant	Pinch	Ship	Weeks to Finish
1	11	14	23	12
2	17	18	24-26	7-9
3	20	21	26-28	6-8

Note: Rose and Red finish faster than Amethyst

Quartz Rose



Quartz Amethyst



Quartz Red

# Penstemon Quartz Scheduling Trials



## Group 1

Planted: wk 11

Photo: wk 24 (6.14.19)



## Group 2

Planted: wk 17

Photo: wk 27 (7.1.19)



## Group 3

Planted: wk 20

Photo: wk 28 (7.12.19)

# Lavender Line Up



Primavera



SuperBlue



Annet

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# Lavandula Primavera

## Features:

- The most versatile ever blooming Spanish lavender on the market
- Can be programmed for very early flowering for southern markets and for summer sales in the northern markets



# Lavandula Primavera



Planted: wk 17  
Photo: wk 26 (6.28.19)  
**No Cold Treatment!**

Transplant	Pinch	Ship	Weeks to Finish
17	none	25	8



# Lavandula SuperBlue

## Features:

- Rich blue blooms on short flower spikes for outstanding color impact
- Excellent winter hardiness and landscape performance
- **Trial Conclusion:** SuperBlue can be programmed for finishing Spring through Fall

Group	Transplant	Pinch	Ship	Weeks to Finish
1	11	none	23	12
3	20	none	28	8
4	25	26	34	9
5	28	29	39	10



Overwintered in PA trials  
Photo: 6.7.17

# Lavandula SuperBlue



**Group 1**  
Planted: wk 11  
Photo: wk 23 (6.7.19)



**Group 3**  
Planted: wk 20  
Photo: wk 29 (7.18.19)



**Group 4**  
Planted: wk 25  
Photo: wk 34  
(8.23.19)



**Group 5**  
Planted: wk 28  
Photo: wk 40  
(10.4.19)



# Lavandula SuperBlue

## Early Crop Tip:

- The key to an early crop of SuperBlue is to start with a non-vernalized liner and keep it actively growing



**Group 1**  
Planted: wk 11  
Photo: wk 23 (6.7.19)



Vernalized 30c

Non-vernalized 72c

# Lavandula Annet

## Features:

- Sturdy, upright stems holds up well to shipping and make it an excellent choice for bouquets
- A good follow up to earlier crops of SuperBlue for a variety of lavenders all season long



# Lavandula Annet

Group	Transplant	Pinch	Ship	Weeks to Finish
2	17	none	29	12



**Group 2**  
Planted: wk 17  
Photo: wk 29 (7.18.19)

# Helianthus Autumn Gold

## Features:

- Great Fall item for patio décor
- Absolutely stunning in the landscape with an amazing flower show



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trials



# Helianthus Autumn Gold Scheduling Trial

Group	Transplant	Pinch	Ship	Weeks to Finish
5	28	29	41	13

**Group 5**  
Planted: wk 28  
Photo: wk 41  
(10.11.19)



# Salvia Blue By You

## Features:

- Excellent garden performance and earlier to flower than May Night
- Will repeat bloom several times throughout the growing season from a trim

Group	Transplant	Pinch	Ship	Weeks to Finish
1	11	none	22	11
2	17	18	26	9
3	20	none	26	6

Not recommended for plantings later than week 20



# Salvia Blue By You Scheduling Trials



**Group 1**  
Planted: wk 11  
Photo: wk 22 (5.31.19)



**Group 2**  
Planted: wk 17  
Photo: wk 26 (6.28.19)



**Group 3**  
Planted: wk 20  
Photo: wk 26 (6.28.19)

# Veronica Moody Blues series

## Features:

- Compact series of first year flowering Veronica in a range of colors

Group	Transplant	Pinch	Ship	Weeks to Finish
1	11	14	26	15
2	17	18	28	11
3	20	none	29	9
4	25	26	34	10

Not recommended for plantings later than week 25





# Veronica Moody Blues series

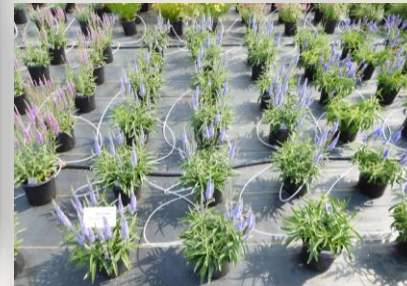
Group 2- Planted week 17



**Dark Pink**  
Photo: wk 28



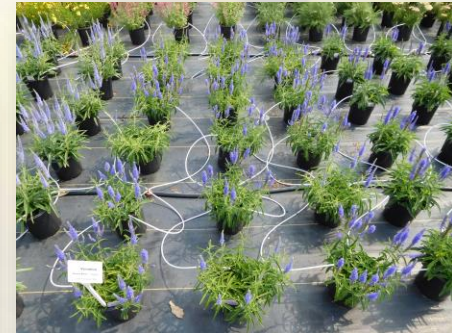
**Pink**  
Photo: wk 29



**Sky Blue**  
Photo: wk 28



**Mauve Imp**  
Photo: wk 28



**Dark Blue**  
Photo: wk 28

# Perovskia CrazyBlue

## Features:

- Excellent garden performance and deeper blue flowers than other Perovskia
- Interlacing branches prevent breakage during growing, shipping, and in the garden

Group	Transplant	Pinch	Ship	Weeks to Finish
3	20	21	29	9
4	25	26	33	8
5	28	29	37	9



# Perovskia CrazyBlue Scheduling Trials



**Group 3**  
Planted: wk 20  
Photo: wk 29 (7.18.19)



**Group 4**  
Planted: wk 25  
Photo: wk 33 (8.14.19)



**Group 5**  
Planted: wk 28  
Photo: wk 37 (9.13.19)

# Echinacea Sombrero® series

## Features:

- Highly floriferous series that is naturally well-branched and compact for easy shipping
- Excellent retail presentation, commanding a premium price
- Well-matched in habit and timing in a range of vibrant colors
- Plant and sell in the same year



Baja Burgundy



Salsa Red



Adobe Orange



Blanco



Flamenco Orange



Hot Coral



Lemon Yellow



Sandy Yellow

# Echinacea Sombrero® Scheduling



**Group 1**  
Planted: wk 11  
Photo: wk 26 (6.28.19)



**Group 3**  
Planted: wk 20  
Photo: wk 31 (8.2.19)



Group	Transplant	Pinch	Ship	Weeks to Finish
1	11	none	25	14
3	20	none	29	9
4	25	none	35	10

# Echinacea Sombbrero® Overwintering Highlights



Adobe Orange



Salsa Red

Overwintered in PA trials  
Photo: June 11

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