



Plant of the Month April 2024: Lungwort or Bethlehem Sage/ Pulmonaria sp.



Are you looking for some early colour in your garden? Lungwort comes in a variety of shades of blue and pink, and with its equally attractive leaves will brighten up your spring garden. When flowering is over it will also provide an attractive groundcover.

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DETAILS:

Growing Conditions:

Sun: Light to full shade

Water: Needs rich, moist soil, and prefers a neutral pH.

Maintenance: Low, but make sure it is watered in dry periods

Tolerates: dryer conditions but may go dormant

Zone: 4-8

Description / Characteristics:

Height x Spread: The flower stems are 15-30cm tall, and the plant can gradually spread to 30-45cm.

Bloom time and description: April-May. Bunches of bell-shaped flowers with 5 petals rising above the basal leaves. Come in a variety of blue, pinks and purples. Basal foliage has attractive white blotches.

Fruit: n/a

Attracts: Bees and other insects

Pests & Disease: Can be prone to both slugs and powdery mildew

Propagation: Best propagated through root division

Special value: Bees and other pollinators

Toxicity: No

Common Names: Lungwort, Bethlehem sage

Origin: Europe and Asia