

COMMON NAME:

DESERT LUPINE

SCIENTIFIC NAME:

LUPINUS SPARSIFLORUS

ALSO CALLED: MOHAVE LUPINE, COULTERS LUPINE, AND LOOSE-FLOWERED LUPINE

FLOWER COLOR: BLUE

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT: AROUND LAST 1/4 TO 1/3 OF VERTICAL STALKS

FLOWERING TIME: FEBRUARY TO APRIL

LEAVES: ON STEMS RESEMBLING FINGERS USUALLY 5 TO 8 DIVISIONS

NORMAL SIZE: 8" TO 24"

NOT EDIBLE: POISONOUS

NORMAL ELEVATION: BELOW 4000'

HABITATION: PREFERS HILLSIDES

ABUNDANCE: VERY COMMON DURING MOIST SPRINGS

NOTABLE DETAILS: HERBACEOUS WITH SPIKES OF MANY BLUE FLOWERS. ITS COLOR ALONE IS UNCOMMON AND HAS FINGER-LIKE LEAVES

SPECIAL INTEREST: VERY BEAUTIFUL AND COVERING LARGE AREAS OF DESERT HILLSIDES DURING MOIST SPRINGS AND RESEMBLING FLOWING BLUE WATER RUNNING DOWN THE MOUNTAINS