



## Limonium

(Limonium spp.)



### Origins

Of Mediterranean origin, limonium--commonly called statice--gets its name from the Greek word for "meadow," and belongs to the Plumbaginaceae family. Now grown internationally in a range of colors, textures and weights, limonium is a popular, hardy filler flower that's used in both fresh and dried bouquets.

Familiar varieties include: annual statice (*Limonium sinuatum*); caspia (*L. ferulaceum*), the 'Misty' series or Siberian statice (*L. gmelinii*), sea lavender (*L. perezii*), and Russian or rattail statice (*L. suworowii*). Annual statice, the heaviest and most well-known variety, is cultivated in a wide color range, including a number of popular shades, such as white, pink, rose, yellow, apricot, peach, lavender, blue, red, carmine and purple.

### Availability and Vase Life

Limonium is available year-round and offers a generous vase life of 1-2 weeks in water.

### Care and Handling

A hardy cut flower, limonium requires only basic care. Process flowers by cutting an inch off stems under water and placing them in clean containers filled with a properly prepared flower food solution.

### Design Uses

Thanks to the range of colors and textures available--from the lacy 'Misty' varieties to the heavy-tufted, papery *L. sinuatum*--limonium is an attractive filler in both traditional and garden-style arrangements. Limonium makes a perfect filler for wreaths or fresh-to-dried "keepsake" arrangements due to its ease in drying.



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