



**Description**

Native status: Oklahoma

Straight Species: Yes

**WETLAND STATUS: Great Plains- UPL**

(Upland Plants)-Almost never occur in wetlands (estimated probability > 99%)

**Genus:** Baptisia

**Species:** australis

**Family:** Fabaceae

\*Host plant for the Frosted Elfin, Wild Indigo Duskywing, and Hoary Edge butterflies

**Up to 4'**

Blue wild indigo is a robust, attractive plant with a woody base and bluish-green leaves. The blue-purple pea-like flowers appear on terminal spikes that are up to 16" long. Flowers give way to attractive, 2.5" long, ebony colored seed pods.

Cultivation- Easily grown in average or even poor soil and in part shade, *Baptisia australis* prefers full sun and is quite drought tolerant. As the plant matures, it will form a woody based clump. It may bloom as early as April or as late as July.