

Lavender/Lavandula

Two basic groups:

1. Cultivars of the species *Lavandula angustifolia*
(commonly known as English lavenders)
2. Hybrids made up of cross between the English lavenders and another species
(*Lavandula latifolia*) (known as lavandins (*L. x intermedia*))

Favorites:

For color:

- “Hidcote” (*angustifolia*)
any of the English lavenders (*angustifolia*s)

For the Valley heat:

- “Grosso” most well known
Lavandula x intermedia (This species is great for both heat tolerance and fragrance)
- “Munstead” (*angustifolia*) used most often in landscaping

For fragrance:

- “Provence” (*intermedia*)
- “Grosso” (*intermedia*)

For crafting:

- “Provence” (*intermedia*) good for potpourri
- “Goodwin Creek Grey” (*Lavandula*) good for topiaries
- “Fred Boutin” (*intermedia*) dried arrangements (has silvery flower heads)

For cooking:

- English lavenders (*Lavandula angustifolia* cultivars)
- “Grosso” (*intermedia*)
- “Provence” (*intermedia*)

Note: AVOID the Spanish and French varieties—they are very camphoric and piney

RESOURCES

BOOKS:

Virginia McNaughton. LAVENDER: THE GROWER'S GUIDE.
Timber Press, Inc. 2004. ISBN 0-88192-478-4

Tim Upson & Susyn Andrews. THE GENUS LAVANDULA
Timber Press, Inc. 2004. ISBN 0-88192-642-6

PLANTS:

All Fresno area local nurseries
Mountain Valley Growers of Squaw Valley
Squaw Valley Herb Gardens

CATALOGUES w/PLANTS and SEEDS:

Burpee (Pennsylvania) – www.burpee.com 1-800-888-1447

The Cook's Garden (Pennsylvania) – www.cooksgarden.com 1-800-457-9703

Goodwin Creek Gardens (Oregon) – www.goodwincreekgardens.com
1-800-846-7359

High Country Gardens (New Mexico) – www.highcountrygardens.com
1-800-925-9387

Jackson & Perkins (South Carolina) – www.jacksonandperkins.com 1-877-292-4769

Johnny's Selected Seeds (Maine) – www.johnnyseeds.com 1-877-564-6697

Mountain Valley Growers (Squaw Valley, California) –
www.mountainvalleygrowers.com 559-338-2775

UCCE Fresno County Master Gardener Website: <http://ucanr.org/sites/mgfresno/>