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Angelica gigas

Genus: *Angelica*
Specific Epithet: *gigas*
Common Name: Korean angelica
Family: Apiaceae

Flower Color: purple
Form: biennial
Hardiness Zone: 4-9
Height: 4-6'
Width: 4'
Soil: average to rich garden soil
Sun: full sun or partial shade

Uses: culinary, ornamental, medicinal



“One of the most beautiful angelicas for the garden, this biennial has bold, tropical-looking foliage its first year with dark purple veins. The second year, in mid-summer, the plant sends up a 4 to 6 foot robust, dramatic flower stem in a rich purple color. The umbel flowers are dark purple as well and make a statement on their own or combined with other plants. The flower is irresistible to bees, butterflies, and wasps and makes a great stage for watching them work.

Grow Korean angelica in full sun to part shade in the northern climates and in part shade in zone 7 and further south. It performs well in any average to rich garden soil and will tolerate moist soils.

It is used medicinally in its native China, Korea, and Japan.”

– James Adams, Curator of the National Herb Garden, Promising Plants Presentation, 2003

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