

## Vipers Bugloss



**Vipers Bugloss (*Echium vulgare*) has tall spikes of vivid blue flowers with rough petals and red tongue like stamens. Each flower is around 2-3cm long.**

**Flowering from June to September.**

**Vipers Bugloss is a hardy biennial which requires free draining reasonably open grassland or disturbed soil on which its seed can germinate. Vipers Bugloss has a deep and persistent root which allows it to exploit free draining soils. Found on chalk grasslands, sand dunes, cliffs and disturbed grounds.**

**It provides food for a range of insects including bees and butterflies.**

**Vipers Bugloss requires little care once established and no fertiliser is necessary. Deadheading can be done to encourage blooming.**

**Sowing Time: Spring**

