SPIRES START YELLOW Flowers emerge yellow as the spires open.

## BAPTISIA 'AURORA'



'Aurora's' color-changing spires are unique among Baptisia. The buds change from full yellow to full purple.

> FLOWERS SLOWLY TURN PURPLE

As the yellow blossoms open up, purple starts to suffuse into the pea-style flowers. BRED BY A BEE 'Aurora' establishes itself in a variety of climates. Wild swings between summer and winter do not bother this plant with a lifespan that measures into the decades.

#### A NOVEL INNOVATION IN BAPTISIA Introduced by Creek Hill Nurseries, 'Aur

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A HANDSOME HABIT 'Aurora' has a tall fan-shaped style of growth that holds the spires tall above the foliage.

# baptisia '**AURORA**'

## A CREEK HILL INTRODUCTION

Bred by a bee, this chance seedling showed up in our trial garden and produced a beautiful new color-shifting Baptisia we call 'Aurora'. Each flower emerges warm yellow and slowly becomes suffused with rose-purple as it ages. This creates a natural contrast across a whole shrub's worth of blooms, just as beautiful on the plant as they are in a vase.

## **A SPRING POWERHOUSE**

'Aurora' blooms in late spring with other floral powerhouses like Peonies, Roses, and Bearded Iris. A dramatic addition to the perennial border, it's the size of a shrub with long spires rising above waist level. Its colors are unique, opening yellow then saturating to a deep purple.

### A NATIVE'S JOB TO DO

Baptisia works hard in the garden. As a North American native, it is bulletproof and pest-resistant once established. Highly drought tolerant, its long tap roots punch through heavy clay soils and reach down deep, pulling up minerals and shedding them in the fall leaves.

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#### **CULTURAL SPECIFICATIONS**

· Common Name: False Indigo · Light: Full-Part Sun · Height: 42-48" · Zones 4-8 · PP# 35931

#### TAG DESCRIPTION

This yellow to purple bicolor is a Creek Hill introduction, found as a seeding in our own trial garden. Each flower emerges warm yellow and slowly becomes suffused with rose-purple as it ages. 'Aurora' has a remarkable habit for a Baptisia, with a stature that is more upright than wide. Flowers bloom on very tall spikes showing off the full color transition.



STRONG STEMS 'Aurora' has strong stems to support many tall spires.



