Growing Aconitum (Monkshood)

**Latin Name Pronunciation:** a-ko-nye'tum

**SPACING:** 18-24in, **DEPTH:** Level (potted)/1in (bareroot).

**CULTURE:** Good rich, evenly moist but well-drained soil. Full sun to partial shade (partial shade is required in warm inland areas of the West). Fares poorly in hot, dry sites. Slow to become established but in time forms impressive clumps. Long lived where conditions suit it. In partial shade, 'Sparks Variety' may require staking, or a sturdy neighbor, to keep it upright. Deer and rabbit resistant.

**PROBLEMS:** Seldom has disease or pest problems. All parts are very poisonous and should not be planted near vegetables or where children play.

**SUGGESTED USE:** Good addition for the back of the border, or for a cutting garden. Combines well with Echinacea, Helenium and fall-blooming Anemone.