

Lavender

Varieties

True Lavender (*Lavandula Angustifolia* Aub Sp. *Angustifolia*)

It is the longest cultivated lavender species and is native to the Mediterranean region. It can be found as high as 1700 m above the sea level. The flowering shoots of true lavender are 0.20-0.40 cm long and are single stalked. The greyish green felty pubescent leaves are 30-50 mm long. The essential oil contents is 0.5-0.1%.

Spike Lavender (*L. latifolia*)

It is native to the Mediterranean region and grows at 200-700m above the sea level.

Lavandin (*L. Intermedia* (Syn. *L. Hybrida*))

It is a spontaneous hybrid of true lavender and spike lavender. It can be found frequently at heights of 700-1000m above the sea level. It is a shrub, which reaches a height of 0.8-0.1m and in natural condition it has a hemi-spherical shape. The spikes of lavandin may grow to 0.6-0.9m and generally it is branched. The leaves are linear or thin, lanceolate, opposite and bright green in colour without pubescent. The essential oil contents is 0.9-3.0%.

Sher-e-kashmir (*Lavandula Officinalis*)

A superior clone with about 100% higher oil yields than the Karlovo strain, which was released by CIMAP, Lucknow.