

## ***Linum perenne* 'Bright Eyes' Eyes Perennial Flax<sup>1</sup>**

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### **Introduction**

Perennial flax produces blue flowers during June and July and grows 12 to 18 inches tall (Fig. 1).

### **General Information**

**Scientific name:** *Linum perenne* 'Bright Eyes'

**Pronunciation:** LYE-num per-REN-nuh

**Common name(s):** 'Bright Eyes' perennial flax

**Family:** *Linaceae*

**Plant type:** herbaceous

**USDA hardiness zones:** 5 through 8 (Fig. 2)

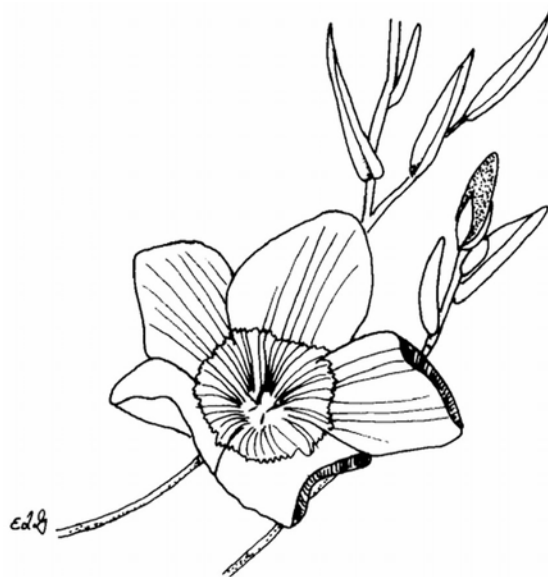
**Planting month for zone 7:** year round

**Planting month for zone 8:** year round

**Origin:** not native to North America

**Uses:** edging; mass planting

**Availability:** somewhat available, may have to go out of the region to find the plant



**Figure 1.** 'Bright Eyes' perennial flax

### **Description**

**Height:** 1 to 2 feet

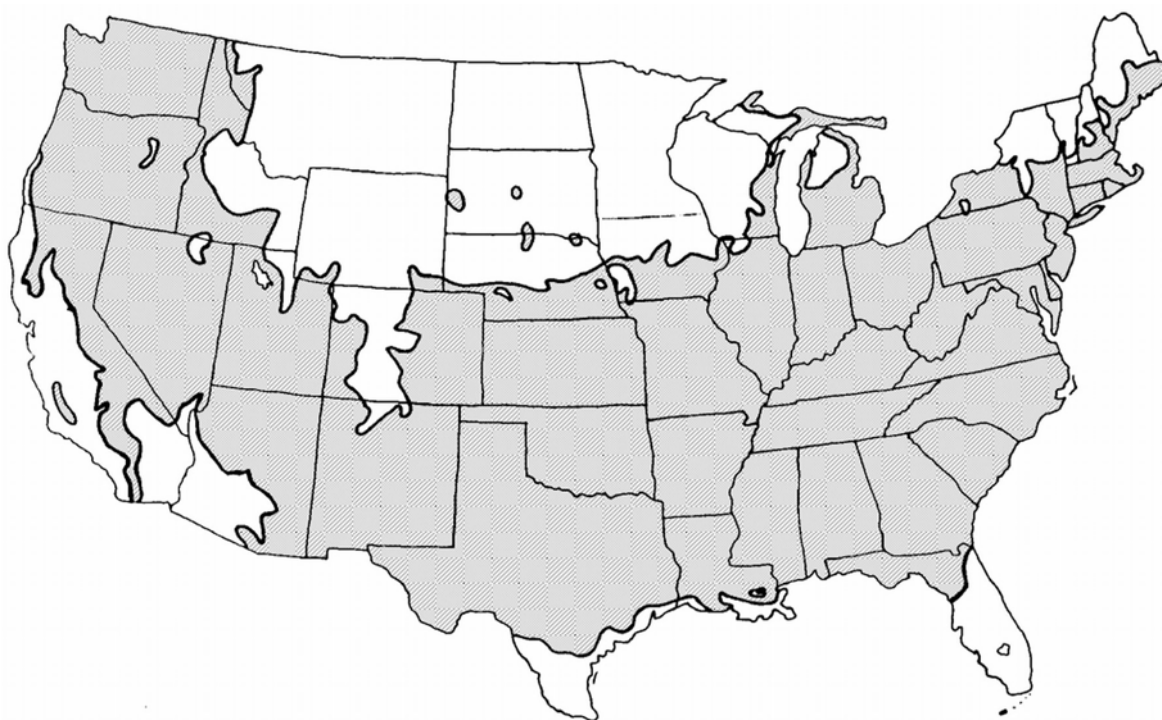
**Spread:** 1 to 2 feet

**Plant habit:** upright

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**Figure 2.** Shaded area represents potential planting range.

**Plant density:** open

**Growth rate:** moderate

**Texture:** fine

#### **Foliage**

**Leaf arrangement:** alternate

**Leaf type:** simple

**Leaf margin:** entire

**Leaf shape:** linear

**Leaf venation:** none, or difficult to see

**Leaf type and persistence:** deciduous

**Leaf blade length:** less than 2 inches

**Leaf color:** green

**Fall color:** no fall color change

**Fall characteristic:** not showy

#### **Flower**

**Flower color:** blue

**Flower characteristic:** summer flowering

#### **Fruit**

**Fruit shape:** unknown

**Fruit length:** unknown

**Fruit cover:** unknown

**Fruit color:** unknown

**Fruit characteristic:** inconspicuous and not showy

#### **Trunk and Branches**

**Trunk/bark/branches:** not applicable

**Current year stem/twig color:** green

**Current year stem/twig thickness:** thin

#### **Culture**

**Light requirement:** plant grows in part shade/part sun; plant grows in the shade

**Soil tolerances:** slightly alkaline; occasionally wet; acidic; sand; loam; clay

**Drought tolerance:**

**Soil salt tolerances:** unknown

**Plant spacing:** 12 to 18 inches

### **Other**

**Roots:** not applicable

**Winter interest:** no special winter interest

**Outstanding plant:** not particularly outstanding

**Invasive potential:** may self-seed each year

**Pest resistance:** long-term health usually not affected by pests

## **Use and Management**

### **Pests and Diseases**

Stem rot causes stem rotting. Infected plants have a cottony mold growing on the stem. The disease is caused by *Sclerotinia sclerotianum* .