Mini Crisp Red Bugleweed

Ajuga reptans 'Mini Crisp Red'

Plant Height: 3 inches

Flower Height: 5 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Miniature Carpet Bugle

Description:

A well behaved ground cover that forms a dense mat of bronzy-red foliage with hints of purple, that really catches the eye; smallish spikes of deep blue flowers add interest in spring, makes a good filler for moist shady areas of the garden

Ornamental Features

Mini Crisp Red Bugleweed's attractive small crinkled round leaves remain olive green in color with showy burgundy variegation and tinges of coppery-bronze throughout the year on a plant with a spreading habit of growth. It features subtle spikes of blue flowers rising above the foliage from mid to late spring.

Landscape Attributes

Mini Crisp Red Bugleweed is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.



Mini Crisp Red Bugleweed flowers
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Mini Crisp Red Bugleweed is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Mini Crisp Red Bugleweed will grow to be only 3 inches tall at maturity extending to 5 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.