Freckled Mazus

Mazus radicans



Freckled Mazus flowers
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Plant Height: 1 inch

Flower Height: 2 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

A quick spreading lovely groundcover creating a mat of bronze-spotted leaves; studded with lavender-mauve flowers in late spring; perfect for rock gardens, between flagstones, or as a waterside planting

Ornamental Features

Freckled Mazus is smothered in stunning clusters of lavender tubular flowers with purple overtones and a gold flare at the ends of the stems in late spring. Its serrated round leaves remain emerald green in color with distinctive coppery-bronze spots throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Freckled Mazus 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 is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Freckled Mazus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Freckled Mazus will grow to be only 1 inch tall at maturity extending to 2 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 30 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 full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in moist to wet soil, and will even tolerate some standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Freckled Mazus is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.