Yerba Buena

Clinopodium douglasii

Height: 4 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 6

Other Names: Satureja douglasii, Micromeria douglasii

Description:

A mint-like, evergreen trailing herb, producing a carpet of beautiful dark green, glossy, aromatic foliage; great for containers, and as a light shade groundcover; do not overwater

Ornamental Features

Yerba Buena's attractive fragrant oval leaves emerge chartreuse in spring, turning dark green in color the rest of the year on a plant with a spreading habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

Yerba Buena is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Yerba Buena is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Herb Gardens



Yerba Buena foliage
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Planting & Growing

Yerba Buena will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity, 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 5 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 prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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. This species is native to parts of North America.



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