Marvelette Blue Dwarf Calamint

Calamintha nepeta 'Marvelette Blue'

Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 10 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

Tiny lavender-blue flowers cover this variety throughout summer, on its low, mounding form; an excellent choice for borders and containers

Ornamental Features

Marvelette Blue Dwarf Calamint features dainty spikes of lavender trumpet-shaped flowers with powder blue overtones rising above the foliage from early summer to early fall. Its fragrant oval leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Marvelette Blue Dwarf Calamint is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Marvelette Blue Dwarf Calamint is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Herb Gardens
- Container Planting



Marvelette Blue Dwarf Calamint in bloom
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Marvelette Blue Dwarf Calamint flowers
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Planting & Growing

Marvelette Blue Dwarf Calamint will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 10 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. 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 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.

Marvelette Blue Dwarf Calamint is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.