# Lil' Forest™ Sugared Plum Bachelor Button

***Gomphrena 'SAKGOM005'***

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Lil' Forest Series



*Lil' Forest Sugared Plum Bachelor Button flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



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**Description:**

This compact variety is excellent for cutflower use; plum purple flowers with sugar-frosted white centers appear in summer and bloom into fall; extremely tough, enduring hot, humid, and wet conditions; great for sunny borders and containers

**Ornamental Features**

Lil' Forest Sugared Plum Bachelor Button has masses of beautiful plum purple ball-shaped flowers with white centers at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its tomentose pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Lil' Forest Sugared Plum Bachelor Button is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading 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 plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Lil' Forest Sugared Plum Bachelor Button is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Lil' Forest Sugared Plum Bachelor Button in bloom*
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**Planting & Growing**

Lil' Forest Sugared Plum Bachelor Button will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. This annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. 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 highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Lil' Forest Sugared Plum Bachelor Button 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.