# Ronica™ Blue Speedwell

***Veronica 'Ronica Blue'***

Plant Height: 10 inches

Flower Height: 14 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Spacing: 14 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Group/Class: Ronica Series

**Description:**

A carefree and easy to grow variety, featuring long, bright blue flowers over a mound of fresh green foliage; makes an ideal small groundcover, great in rock gardens and along border edges; excellent disease resistance



*Ronica Blue Speedwell flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



*Ronica Blue Speedwell in bloom*
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**Ornamental Features**

Ronica Blue Speedwell has masses of beautiful spikes of blue flowers with violet overtones rising above the foliage from late spring to early fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its glossy narrow leaves remain forest green in color throughout the year.

**Landscape Attributes**

Ronica Blue Speedwell is a dense herbaceous evergreen 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 should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. 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.

Ronica Blue Speedwell is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



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**Planting & Growing**

Ronica Blue Speedwell will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity extending to 14 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 16 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 14 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 8 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 dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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 division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Ronica Blue Speedwell 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.