Jack of Diamonds Bugloss

Brunnera macrophylla 'Jack of Diamonds'

Height: 16 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Spacing: 28 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Heartleaf Brunnera, Siberian Bugloss

Description:

This outstanding selection features large, dark green, heart shaped leaves with a silver overlay that resembles lace; baby blue flowers emerge in the spring; fast growing mounded habit, great for use in containers, borders or as groundcover

Ornamental Features

Jack of Diamonds Bugloss features airy cymes of sky blue flowers with yellow eyes at the ends of the stems from mid to late spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive heart-shaped leaves remain dark green in color with showy silver variegation throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Jack of Diamonds Bugloss is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Jack of Diamonds Bugloss is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Jack of Diamonds Bugloss flowers
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Jack of Diamonds Bugloss foliage
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- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting



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Planting & Growing

Jack of Diamonds Bugloss will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 28 inches apart. 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 a location that gets morning sunlight but is shaded from the hot afternoon sun, although it will also grow in full shade. Keep it 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. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. 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.

Jack of Diamonds Bugloss 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 and foliage against which the 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.