Plum Wine Bellflower

Campanula punctata 'Plum Wine'



Plum Wine Bellflower flowers
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Height: 15 inches

Spread: 15 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Spotted Bellflower

Description:

Large pink blooms with deep pink striping stand out against grey-blue foliage; interesting foliage deepens to deep burgundy during the fall and winter; excellent performance in borders, beds and containers

Ornamental Features

Plum Wine Bellflower features unusual nodding pink bell-shaped flowers with plum purple calyces at the ends of the stems from early to mid summer. Its attractive serrated heart-shaped leaves are grayish green in color with curious burgundy undersides and tinges of plum purple. As an added bonus, the foliage turns a gorgeous brick red in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Plum Wine Bellflower is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. 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, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Plum Wine Bellflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Plum Wine Bellflower will grow to be about 15 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 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 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 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.

Plum Wine Bellflower 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.