Georgia Calamint

Calamintha georgiana



Georgia Calamint foliage
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Height: 30 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Description:

Lovely white tubular flowers with lavender spots and blush, emerge from mid-fall to early winter; narrow, elliptical leaves are rich green and fragrant; a handsome selection for borders and containers; briefly leafless in mid winter

Ornamental Features

Georgia Calamint features dainty spikes of white tubular flowers with lilac purple overtones and lavender spots rising above the foliage from mid fall to early winter. It has green deciduous foliage. The fragrant narrow leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color. The dark red stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Georgia Calamint is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Georgia Calamint is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Georgia Calamint will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It has a low canopy. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub 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. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America. It can be propagated by division.

Georgia Calamint makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.