Venture™ Blue Speedwell

Veronica 'TNVERVB'

Height: 13 inches

Spread: 22 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Group/Class: Venture Series

Description:

A mildew resistant variety producing lovely purple-blue flowers on short, dense spikes from spring to mid summer; compact bushy habit with excellent branching; uniform flowering; makes an ideal small groundcover, great in rock gardens

Ornamental Features

Venture Blue Speedwell has masses of beautiful spikes of royal blue flowers with purple overtones rising above the foliage from mid spring to mid summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its narrow leaves remain forest green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Venture Blue Speedwell is a dense herbaceous 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.



Venture Blue Speedwell flowers
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Venture Blue Speedwell is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Venture Blue Speedwell will grow to be about 11 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 22 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 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 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 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. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. 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.

Venture 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.