Amethyst Ladybells

Adenophora 'Amethyst'



Amethyst Ladybells flowers
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Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3

Description:

Spikes of delicate amethyst coloured bells make this a perfect substitute for certain invasive bellflowers, a good perennial for naturalizing part-shade areas; fleshy roots are difficult to divide, try propagating from seed instead

Ornamental Features

Amethyst Ladybells features dainty spikes of lightly-scented blue bell-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from early to late summer. Its large sword-like leaves remain forest green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Amethyst Ladybells is an herbaceous perennial with a rigidly upright and towering form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Amethyst Ladybells is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Amethyst Ladybells will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. 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 full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Amethyst Ladybells is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting 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 growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.