Summertime Blues Bellflower

Campanula punctata 'Summertime Blues'



Summertime Blues Bellflower flowers
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Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 15 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Spotted Bellflower

Description:

A long blooming bellflower with lavender-blue flowers on 2-foot stems; doesn't spread or reseed; keep cutting back after flowering to prolong period of bloom

Ornamental Features

Summertime Blues Bellflower features bold nodding lavender bell-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from early to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its serrated heart-shaped leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Summertime Blues Bellflower is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Summertime Blues Bellflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Summertime Blues Bellflower will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, 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 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. 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.

Summertime Blues Bellflower 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. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.