# Blue Feathers Speedwell

***Veronica pinnata 'Blue Feathers'***



*Blue Feathers Speedwell flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Plant Height: 8 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

**Description:**

A lovely combination of showy blossoms and magnificent, finely cut, filigreed leaves; there is no other with such interesting foliage; small soft blue-violet saucer shaped blossoms surround the long flowering racemes; neat full clumps by second season



*Blue Feathers Speedwell in bloom*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Ornamental Features**

Blue Feathers Speedwell has masses of beautiful spikes of violet flowers with blue overtones rising above the foliage from mid spring to mid summer, which emerge from distinctive white flower buds, and which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive deeply cut narrow leaves remain emerald green in color throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Blue Feathers 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 is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. 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.

Blue Feathers Speedwell is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

**Planting & Growing**

Blue Feathers Speedwell will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast 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 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.

Blue Feathers 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 and foliage 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.