## Wilson's Lifestyle Centre

## Mini Marvels Starbright Bellflower



Mini Marvels<sup>™</sup> Starbright Bellflower Campanula carpatica 'Starbright'

Height: 6 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Group/Class: Mini Marvels Series

#### **Description:**

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Mini Marvels Starbright Bellflower in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Low growing with a compact semi-trailing habit, this variety features beautiful upward facing, white bell-shaped flowers; fast growing and low maintenance-deadhead to promote new growth, perfect for beds, borders and containers, or used for groundcover

#### **Ornamental Features**

Mini Marvels Starbright Bellflower has masses of beautiful white bell-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its round leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Mini Marvels Starbright Bellflower is a dense herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Mini Marvels Starbright Bellflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

#### **Planting & Growing**

Mini Marvels Starbright Bellflower will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. 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 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!

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This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. 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. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Mini Marvels Starbright Bellflower 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 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. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.