

Georgia Calamint



Georgia Calamint *Calamintha georgiana*

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Description:

Lovely white tubular flowers with lavender spots and blush, emerge from mid-fall to early winter; narrow, elliptical leaves are rich green and fragrant; a handsome selection for borders and containers; briefly leafless in mid winter

Ornamental Features

Georgia Calamint features dainty spikes of white tubular flowers with lilac purple overtones and lavender spots rising above the foliage from mid fall to early winter. Its fragrant narrow leaves remain green in colour throughout the season. The dark red stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Georgia Calamint is a multi-stemmed perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Georgia Calamint is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Georgia Calamint foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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Planting & Growing

Georgia Calamint will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Although it is technically a woody plant, this plant can be expected to behave as a perennial in our climate if planted outdoors over the winter, usually regrowing from its base (crown) the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

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. To help this plant achieve its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America. It can be propagated by division.

Georgia Calamint 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. 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.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.