## Golden Acre Home & Garden

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# **Baby Bloomer Blue Speedwell**



## Baby Bloomer Blue Speedwell Veronica 'Baby Bloomer Blue'

Plant Height: 8 inches
Flower Height: 14 inches

Spread: 12 inches
Spacing: 10 inches
Sunlight: O •
Hardiness Zone: 4a

### **Description:**

An easy to grow variety producing lovely lavender-blue flowers on short, dense spikes from late spring until autumn; compact bushy habit with dark green foliage; very uniform flowering; makes an ideal small groundcover, great in rock gardens



Baby Bloomer Blue Speedwell flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Baby Bloomer Blue Speedwell has masses of beautiful spikes of violet flowers with blue overtones rising above the foliage from late spring to early fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its glossy narrow leaves remain forest green in colour throughout the year.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Baby Bloomer Blue Speedwell is a dense herbaceous evergreen 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 should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. 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.

Baby Bloomer Blue Speedwell is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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### **Planting & Growing**

Baby Bloomer Blue Speedwell will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 14 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 8 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.

Baby Bloomer Blue 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 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. 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.