



Mountain Germander

Teucrium montanum

Height: 6 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Creeping Germander

Description:

A mat forming variety perfect for dry, infertile soils; features lovely, evergreen, narrow leaves with a pleasant scent; creamy white flowers appear in summer just above the foliage; a beautiful, textural groundcover that is low maintenance

Ornamental Features

Mountain Germander's attractive small fragrant narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the year on a plant with a spreading habit of growth. It is blanketed in stunning spikes of creamy white flowers with white overtones rising above the foliage from late spring to early fall.

Landscape Attributes

Mountain Germander is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Mountain Germander is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Mountain Germander
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Planting & Growing

Mountain Germander will grow to be only 5 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

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. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for poor, alkaline soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Mountain Germander is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.