



## Marietta Veronica

*Veronica longifolia 'Marietta'*

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 4 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ☉ ☐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Speedwell

### Description:

Very easy to grow and virtually maintenance-free; tightly bunched, upright flower spikes produce striking, long flowering, midnight purple flowers from the bottom up; makes an ideal garden accent, great in rock gardens

### Ornamental Features

Marietta Veronica has masses of beautiful spikes of deep purple flowers rising above the foliage from late spring to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its glossy narrow leaves remain forest green in color throughout the season.

### Landscape Attributes

Marietta Veronica 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 should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds 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.

Marietta Veronica is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Marietta Veronica flowers  
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### Planting & Growing

Marietta Veronica will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 4 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 8 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 is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. 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 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.

Marietta Veronica 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. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.