



Variegated Brunnera

Brunnera macrophylla 'Variegata'

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 16 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Other Names: Siberian Bugloss

Description:

Mounds of green and white, heart shaped leaves are featured in this shade loving selection; easy to grow, requiring little to no maintenance; sprays of small, sky blue flowers emerge during the late spring months-can be cut and added to bouquets



Variegated Brunnera flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Variegated Brunnera features airy cymes of sky blue flowers at the ends of the stems from early to late spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive heart-shaped leaves remain forest green in color with showy white variegation throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Variegated Brunnera is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Variegated Brunnera is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting



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Planting & Growing

Variegated Brunnera will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 16 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 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 partial shade to shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. 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. 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.

Variegated Brunnera 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 and foliage 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.