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Creeping Mazus

Mazus reptans



Creeping Mazus flowers
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Plant Height: 2 inches

Flower Height: 3 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

A quick spreading lovely green groundcover producing loads of delicate powder blue flowers through spring and early summer, and sporadically after that; perfect for rock gardens; blue flowers and bright green foliage are sure to please

Ornamental Features

Creeping Mazus is smothered in stunning clusters of powder blue tubular flowers with white throats and dark red spots at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early summer. Its serrated round leaves remain emerald green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Creeping Mazus is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging 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 is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Creeping Mazus is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- *Mass Planting*
- *Rock/Alpine Gardens*
- *Groundcover*
- *Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens*
- *Container Planting*

Planting & Growing

Creeping Mazus will grow to be only 2 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.



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This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Creeping Mazus 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.