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Bavaria Blue Creeping Bellflower

Campanula cochleariifolia 'Bavaria Blue'

Bavaria Blue Creeping Bellflower flowers
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Plant Height: 4 inches

Flower Height: 6 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Fairy Thimble, Spiral Bellflower

Description:

Dainty sky-blue bells on nodding stems; compact foliage forms a low-growing mat; plant in alpine and rock gardens where it will not be dwarfed by larger plants

Ornamental Features

Bavaria Blue Creeping Bellflower features dainty nodding sky blue bell-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from early to mid summer. Its small serrated round leaves remain dark green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Bavaria Blue Creeping Bellflower is a dense herbaceous 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Bavaria Blue Creeping Bellflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Bavaria Blue Creeping Bellflower will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity extending to 6 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 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 type or pH. 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.

Bavaria Blue Creeping Bellflower 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.