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Bubble Gum Lungwort

Pulmonaria 'Bubble Gum'

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Other Names: Lords And Ladies, Bethlehem Sage

Description:

This captivating variety displays clusters of deep pink blooms over clumps of interesting light green foliage that is variegated with silver; a beautiful accent all season long for the shaded area; trim after blooming to rejuvenate foliage

Ornamental Features

Bubble Gum Lungwort features delicate clusters of pink bell-shaped flowers with hot pink eyes at the ends of the stems from mid to late spring, which emerge from distinctive purple flower buds. Its attractive glossy narrow leaves remain light green in colour with showy silver variegation throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Bubble Gum Lungwort is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting 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.

Bubble Gum Lungwort is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Bubble Gum Lungwort in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Bubble Gum Lungwort will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. 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 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 prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.

Bubble Gum Lungwort 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.