Dalmatian Bellflower

Campanula portenschlagiana



Dalmatian Bellflower flowers
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Plant Height: 8 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 28 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Adria Bellflower, Wall Bellflower

Description:

This showy dwarf species is perfect for rock gardens, edging, or in containers; loads of lilac blue bells begin in early summer and bloom for weeks on end; a vigorous grower that is great as a small area groundcover

Ornamental Features

Dalmatian Bellflower is smothered in stunning lilac purple bell-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from early to late summer. Its small round leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Dalmatian Bellflower is an 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 plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Dalmatian Bellflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Dalmatian Bellflower will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 28 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 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 locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. 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 species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Dalmatian 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.