East Bay Nursery

Margarita BOP Beard Tongue

Penstemon 'Margarita BOP'



Margarita BOP Beard Tongue flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 14 inches

Flower Height: 20 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 7a

Other Names: Beardtongue, Foothill Penstemon

Description:

An impressive hybrid penstemon producing flowers in warm shades of sky blue, violet and pink, rising above green foliage; makes a beautiful visual impact when massed in the garden, along walkways, or in borders



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Ornamental Features

Margarita BOP Beard Tongue has masses of beautiful spikes of sky blue tubular flowers with violet overtones and curiously fluted pink tips rising above the foliage from mid spring to mid summer, which emerge from distinctive chartreuse flower buds, and which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its narrow leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Margarita BOP Beard Tongue is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and 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.

Margarita BOP Beard Tongue is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Margarita BOP Beard Tongue will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity extending to 20 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. 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.

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 considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. 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 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.

Margarita BOP Beard Tongue is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.