

Gertens Plant Info.



Variegated False Forget-Me-Not

Brunnera macrophylla 'Variegata'

Height: 15 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Siberian Bugloss

Description:

Exquisitely variegated foliage with white and green that contrasts nicely with pale blue spring flowers.

Ornamental Features

Variegated False Forget-Me-Not features airy cymes of sky blue flowers at the ends of the stems from early to late spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive heart-shaped leaves remain forest green in color with showy white variegation throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Variegated False Forget-Me-Not is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Variegated False Forget-Me-Not is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting



*Variegated False Forget-Me-Not
flowers*

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Planting & Growing

Variegated False Forget-Me-Not will grow to be about 15 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. 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 requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. 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.

Variegated False Forget-Me-Not 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. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

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