Hot Lips Bellflower

Campanula punctata 'Hot Lips'



Hot Lips Bellflower flowers
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Height: 18 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Other Names: Spotted Bellflower

Description:

A low growing and mounded selection featuring beautiful 2" long white-pink bell flowers with deep rose colored speckles; blooming early to mid summer, an excellent addition to beds, borders, containers or fresh-cut arrangements; low maintenance

Ornamental Features

Hot Lips Bellflower features dainty nodding shell pink bell-shaped flowers with rose spots at the ends of the stems from early to mid summer. Its serrated heart-shaped leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Hot Lips Bellflower 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 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

Hot Lips Bellflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Hot Lips Bellflower will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. 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 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 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.

Hot Lips Bellflower 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 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.