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Birch Hybrid Bellflower

Campanula 'Birch Hybrid'



Birch Hybrid Bellflower flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 6 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Description:

A low growing and spreading selection that looks beautiful cascading from hanging baskets and patio containers; featuring masses of violet-blue bell-shaped flowers over green foliage; good for groundcover or edging; easy to grow and low maintenance

Ornamental Features

Birch Hybrid Bellflower has masses of beautiful violet bell-shaped flowers with blue overtones at the ends of the stems from early summer to early fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its round leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.



Birch Hybrid Bellflower in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Birch Hybrid Bellflower is an herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging 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 bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Birch Hybrid Bellflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Birch Hybrid Bellflower will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 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 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.

Birch Hybrid Bellflower is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. 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. 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.