



**Ajuga, Chocolate Chip**  
*Ajuga reptans 'Chocolate Chip'*

Plant Height: 4 inches

Flower Height: 6 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Carpet Bugle

**Description:**

A beautiful evergreen, dwarf variety that presents delicious chocolate brown foliage and pretty blue flower spikes during late spring; low growing with a spreading habit, ideal for beds, borders and containers; low maintenance and heat tolerant

**Ornamental Features**

Ajuga, Chocolate Chip's attractive tiny narrow leaves emerge dark green in spring, turning dark brown in color the rest of the year on a plant with a spreading habit of growth. It features subtle spikes of blue flowers rising above the foliage from mid to late spring.

**Landscape Attributes**

Ajuga, Chocolate Chip is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Ajuga, Chocolate Chip is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Ajuga, Chocolate Chip flowers*  
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- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

### **Planting & Growing**

Ajuga, Chocolate Chip will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity extending to 6 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. 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.

Ajuga, Chocolate Chip 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.

### **Special Attributes**

Needs shade from 11 am to 7 pm in the summer to be its best