



Bluebeard, Beyond Midnight
Caryopteris x clandonensis 'CT-9-12'

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Bluebeard, Blue Spirea, Blue Mist Shrub

Description:

A very impressive shrub with deep blue flowers and extremely dark, glossy green leaves; foliage is pleasantly fragrant when crushed; a real magnet for all types of pollinators in the garden

Ornamental Features

Bluebeard, Beyond Midnight is clothed in stunning cymes of royal blue flowers along the branches from late summer to early fall, which emerge from distinctive white flower buds. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green foliage with silver undersides. The glossy oval leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Bluebeard, Beyond Midnight is an open multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting bees, 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.

Bluebeard, Beyond Midnight is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Bluebeard, Beyond Midnight flowers
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Bluebeard, Beyond Midnight in bloom
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- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Bluebeard, Beyond Midnight will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.