Ajuga reptans
(Bugleweed, Carpet Bugleweed)
Ajuga produces dark green to bronze- or purple-colored leaves in a flat rosette, spreading fairly quickly by runners or stolons and forming dark blue flowers. Ajuga spreads quickly by runners, making a mat of leaves. Plant is establishing as a thick ground cover. 10-15 cm tall spikes of small blue flowers are produced in spring to early summer and are especially attractive when plants are massed together. There are selections with foliage variegated in green, white, red, yellow, and pink.

Landscape Information
French Name: Buble rampante
Pronunciation: uh-JOO-guh REP-tanz
Plant Type: Groundcover
Origin: Europe, western Asia and Iran.
Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Hardiness Zones: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
Uses: Border Plant, Mass Planting, Container, Shade, Wildlife, Erosion control, Ground cover

Size/Shape
Growth Rate: Fast
Tree Shape: Spreading
Height at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 m
Spread at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 meter
Time to Ultimate Height: 1 Year

Notes
Management Advice: Divide every 2-3 years to reduce crowding and the chance of fungus diseases. It grows well in areas too shady for grass. Carpet bugleweed can be invasive and become a persistent weed in lawns that are watered regularly. Because it is fast growing, bugleweed is good for erosion control. It can be used in areas where lawn has difficulty establishing
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## Botanical Description

### Foliage
- **Leaf Arrangement:** Opposite
- **Leaf Venation:** Pinnate
- **Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen
- **Leaf Type:** Simple
- **Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm
- **Leaf Shape:** Spatulate
- **Leaf Margins:** Undulate
- **Leaf Textures:** Medium
- **Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance
- **Color (growing season):** Green, Red, Variegated
- **Color (changing season):** Green, Red

### Flower
- **Flower Showiness:** True
- **Flower Size Range:** 0 - 1.5
- **Flower Type:** Spike
- **Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)
- **Flower Scent:** No Fragrance
- **Flower Color:** Blue
- **Seasons:** Summer, Fall

### Fruit
- **Fruit Showiness:** False
- **Seasons:** Summer, Fall
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Leaf Image