

Ajuga reptans

(Bugleweed, Carpet Bugleweed)

Ajuga produces a 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.



Plant Image

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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Flower Image

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

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Part, Shade

Management

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

Edible Parts:

Plant Propagations: Seed, Division

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