



## **Black Scallop Bugleweed**

*Ajuga reptans 'Black Scallop'*

Plant Height: 4 inches

Flower Height: 6 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Other Names: Carpet Bugle

### **Description:**

A hardy low growing perennial perfect for difficult spots. Can spread and invade lawn areas.

### **Ornamental Features**

Black Scallop Bugleweed's attractive small crinkled round leaves emerge burgundy in spring, turning deep purple in color the rest of the year. It features subtle spikes of violet flowers rising above the foliage from mid to late spring. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Black Scallop Bugleweed is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

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

Black Scallop Bugleweed is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Black Scallop Bugleweed flowers*  
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## Planting & Growing

Black Scallop Bugleweed will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity extending to 6 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 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.

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.



*Black Scallop Flowers*  
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