



### Princess Nadia Bugleweed

*Ajuga tenorii* 'Piotrek01'

Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 10 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Carpet Bugle

#### Description:

A compact variety producing cream-purple new foliage with glowing rose edges; numerous royal blue flower spikes appear in late spring, then several again in late summer; has a tight, controlled habit; excellent for flowering borders, edging, or containers

#### Ornamental Features

Princess Nadia Bugleweed features dainty spikes of royal blue flowers rising above the foliage from late spring to late summer. Its attractive oval leaves emerge rose in spring, turning grayish green in color with distinctive creamy white edges and tinges of violet the rest of the year.

#### Landscape Attributes

Princess Nadia 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 bees and 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

Princess Nadia Bugleweed is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Princess Nadia Bugleweed foliage*  
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- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

### **Planting & Growing**

Princess Nadia Bugleweed will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 10 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. 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. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. 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, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. 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.

Princess Nadia Bugleweed is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. 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. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.