

## **Plant Finder**



# Carpathain Bellflower Campanula carpatica

Hardiness Zone: 2

### **Description:**

Low growing with a compact habit, this variety features beautiful upward facing, cream, lavender, or blue bell-shaped flowers; low maintenance and fast growing, perfect for beds, borders, patio containers and hanging baskets



Carpathain Bellflower flowers
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#### **Ornamental Features**

Carpathain Bellflower has masses of beautiful lavender bell-shaped flowers with sky blue overtones at the ends of the stems from late spring to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its round leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Carpathain Bellflower is a dense herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Carpathain Bellflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



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#### **Planting & Growing**

Carpathain Bellflower will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This species is not originally from North America.

Carpathain Bellflower is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.