



White Surprise Varigated Caryopteris

Caryopteris x clandonensis 'White
Surprise'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Variegated Bluebeard, Blue Spirea, Blue
Mist Shrub

Description:

Light, airy shrub with light-blue flowers held over
blue-green and white variegated leaves; foliage has fuzzy
undersides and is fragrant when crushed; a true butterfly
magnet for the garden

Ornamental Features

White Surprise Varigated Caryopteris features dainty
cymes of lavender flowers along the branches from late
summer to early fall, which emerge from distinctive blue
flower buds. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has
attractive bluish-green foliage edged in white which
emerges buttery yellow in spring. The fuzzy oval leaves
are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable
fall color.

Landscape Attributes

White Surprise Varigated Caryopteris is an open
multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright
spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it
apart from other landscape plants with less refined
foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

White Surprise Varigated Caryopteris is recommended for the following landscape applications;



White Surprise Varigated Caryopteris
flowers

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- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

White Surprise Varigated Caryopteris will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. 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. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

White Surprise Varigated Caryopteris makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.