

Botanical Name: Lamium maculatum 'Beacon Silver'

Common Name: Silver Nettle

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape low, spreading plant with soft, fleshy stems and leaves;

hugs the ground to form a dense mat of silvery marked, heart-shaped leaves

Height to 6" Spread to 4' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor shade to part sun near the coast

Soil prefers a rich, well-drained soil

Hardiness hardy (all zones) may go deciduous in cold climates

Morphology:

Leaves ovate to cordate, to 2" long, coarsely dentate on margins

usually with silvery splotches at the center of the leaf blades, opposite

Flowers tubular flowers to 1" long, usually pale pink to purple,

sometimes white -- usually flowers in spring

Fruit small 4-valved nutlet

Propagation: stem cuttings, division

Usage: low filler or groundcover for foliage and flowers -- very

useful in shaded areas under trees and shrubs, silvery color brightens dark

areas of shade

Landscape Care:

Watering needs ample watering -- do not allow to dry out

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning head back old, straggly stems to make room for new ones

Pests/Diseases snails, slugs

Special Conditions

Origin: Asia Family: Labiatae