

Botanical Name: Centaurea cyanis

Common Name: Cornflower, Bachelor's buttons

Type of Plant: dicot: annual Character evergreen (annual)

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, narrow plants topped by blue, white or pink
flowers

Height 1-3' Spread 6-8" Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil needs good drainage

Hardiness tender--spring/summer use only

Morphology:

Leaves linear-lanceolate when mature, lower leaves pinnatifid or
narrowly oblanceolate grayish with cottony hairs above and beneath

Flowers heads to 1 and 1/2" across -- pink, white or mostly blue-
ray flowers sterile

Fruit small achenes

Propagation: seed

Usage: widely used for cut flowers, arrangements or dried flowers.

Good in mixed beds as a mid-height filler plant, good source of easy color

Landscape Care:

Watering average water

Fertilizing low N fertilizer monthly--slow release when planting

Pruning remove spent flowers occasionally

Pests/Diseases none

Special Conditions

Origin: E.Europe Family: Compositae