

Botanical Name: Ajuga reptans 'Purpurea'

Common Name: Bronze carpet bugle

Type of Plant: dicot; groundcover Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape small, mounding, rosette pattern, nearly prostrate, spreads
by runners to produce mat-like form

Height 4-10" Spread 12-24" Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor prefers partial sun, tolerates full sun near coast

Soil prefers a moist, well-drained loam

Hardiness hardy (zones 1-24); best in cool climates

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate spatulate in rosettes, obovate/oval, undulate/
crinkled margins 2-4" long, dark purplish-green

Flowers tiny, blue, short spikes (3-6") February through May

Fruit inconspicuous, tiny nutlets

Propagation: division

Usage: ground cover; foliage color for partial sun areas, formal
patterns in borders, tropical landscapes; not for large scale ground cover

Landscape Care:

Watering regular, tolerates heavy watering; not drought tolerant

Fertilizing balanced, twice annually

Pruning mow back to 3" if needed, cut back rhizomes

Pests/Diseases snails/slugs, root knot nematodes, powdery mildew

Special Conditions

Origin: Europe Family: Labiatae