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The Best of Every Season

Boom Chocolatta Cranesbill

Geranium pratense 'Boom Chocolatta'

Height: 26 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Spacing: 28 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Hardy Geranium

Description:

Mounds of rich, dark bronze foliage are covered in blue-purple flowers with white eyes; upright habit with excellent drought tolerance once established; foliage retains color throughout summer; great for beds, borders and containers

Ornamental Features

Boom Chocolatta Cranesbill has masses of beautiful blue cup-shaped flowers with purple overtones and white eyes at the ends of the stems from late spring to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its attractive deeply cut lobed palmate leaves remain dark green in color with showy coppery-bronze variegation throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Boom Chocolatta Cranesbill is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.



Boom Chocolatta Cranesbill flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Boom Chocolatta Cranesbill is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Boom Chocolatta Cranesbill foliage
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Planting & Growing

Boom Chocolatta Cranesbill will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 28 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Boom Chocolatta Cranesbill is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.