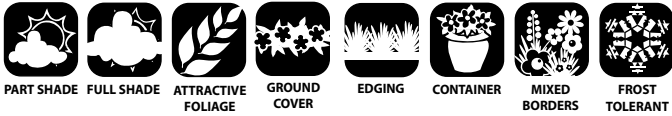


Ajuga reptans 'Black Scallop' (b)



Height: 10cm
Spread: 80cm



FEATURES:

- Year round decorative foliage of deep plum colour.
- Blue flower spikes during spring and summer.
- Non-invasive, spreading ground cover.
- Frost hardy and tolerant of heat.
- Colour and interest for low light areas.

SUGGESTED USES:

- Use as contrasting foil around other shrubs and perennials.
- Great as a ground cover down narrow strips next to paving or paths.
- Grow in containers for paved areas.
- Dense habit helps to suppress weeds.

CULTURAL CARE

Prefers a shade to part shade location but will tolerate sunny locations well if given moist but well draining soil and some protection from harsh afternoon heat. Water needs are moderate but do not allow to dry out over extended periods of heat. No pruning required. Apply slow release fertiliser during spring for best performance.



A. 'Black Scallop' was first discovered in 1998 as a natural mutation that occurred in a planting of *Ajuga reptans* 'Braunherz'. It was subsequently propagated and made commercially available due to the popularity of its supremely dark foliage.

Ajugas are a popular ground cover choice for low light areas as they perform well and often provide colourful foliage options. As companion plants, selections could include Hellebore 'Penny's Pink', Arthropodium 'Te Puna', Brunnera 'Silver Heart' and Anemone 'Whirlwind' - as well as other colourful ajugas such as A. 'Golden Beauty' or A. 'Burgundy Glow'.