

Ajuga 'Chocolate Chip'

Syn: Ajuga x tenorii 'Valfredda'



FEATURES:

- Unusually narrow foliage of deep green overlaid with chocolate-brown tints.
- Fast growing and hardy ground cover.
- Short spikes of lilac blue flowers appear during spring.
- Frost hardy and tolerant of heat.
- Colour and interest for low light areas.

SUGGESTED USES:

- Neat habit for edging garden beds and pathways.
- Low maintenance ground cover.
- Grow in containers or use to fill small and/or narrow spaces.
- Dense habit helps to naturally suppress weeds.
- Will trail over embankments and walls.

CULTURAL CARE

Grows well in most soil types which are moist but well draining. Frost tolerant.

No pruning required. Will tolerate sunny locations given adequate moisture and protection from any strong afternoon sun. Apply a slow release fertiliser during spring. Mulch well to help retain moisture during dry periods.



Ajuga varieties are popular for use as ground covers in shaded areas. A 'Chocolate Chip' was first introduced by Valfredda Nursery in Italy and provides a dense mat of foliage with smaller, narrower leaves than normally found in Ajugas making it an exceptionally good choice for filling spaces between rocks, flagstones or other types of stepping paths. Also great for helping erosion control on slopes when planted en masse. Excellent in containers either on its own or as a mixed planting in larger tubs with such shade loving companions as Hellebore 'Cinderella' and Anemone 'Bowles' Purple'. In mixed borders blend with Arthropodium 'Te Puna' and Plectranthus 'Mona Lavender'. A colourful ground covering tapestry can also be achieved by planting out with other ornamental low growers such as Heterocentron 'Spanish Shawl' and Viola 'The Czar'.