



## Amethyst In Snow Cornflower

*Centaurea montana* 'Amethyst In Snow'

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 16 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Mountain Bluet, Perennial Bachelor's Button

### Description:

Unique and eye-catching with white outer petals contrasting with deep plum purple centers; heat and drought tolerant, excellent for sunny gardens; beautiful when added to fresh or dried arrangements; remove spent flowers to encourage new blooms

### Ornamental Features

Amethyst In Snow Cornflower features unusual white lacecap flowers with plum purple centers at the ends of the stems from early to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its narrow leaves remain grayish green in colour throughout the season.

### Landscape Attributes

Amethyst In Snow Cornflower is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Amethyst In Snow Cornflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use



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### **Planting & Growing**

Amethyst In Snow Cornflower will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 16 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 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 considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. 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.