

Blue Mist Spiraea Botanical Name: *Caryopteris x clandonensis*



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Description: A low perennial shrub. This is the Longwood blue cultivar, developed at Longwood Gardens in PA. These graceful low maintenance plants can be especially beautiful, when planted in masses. Longwood Gardens has a *Caryopteris* Allee which is amazing.

Common Names: Bluebeard

Family: Verbenaceae

Growth Rate: Moderate, blooms on new growth

Soil Preference: Adaptable, prefers loose loams,

Light Requirements: Full sun only

Pests and diseases: Rarely a problem

Care: Easy, drought tolerant after establishing. Blooms on new growth, prune close to the ground in spring. I like to prune ours when the leaves just start to bud. If the cuttings are trimmed to about 6" long, place in soil, kept moist, for about 6 weeks you will have more plants to enjoy and or share.

Blooms: Scented, long lasting, blue blooms on silvery foliage starting in August

Size: 2 – 3 feet.

Native habitat: Native to China, Japan.

Resistant to deer and rabbit. Attractive to birds, butterflies and bees. May self sow, has not for us.

Information compiled from the web, supplemented by our experiences.

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