

AUTUMN BLUE SPIREA



CARYOPTERIS INCANA



THOUGH OBVIOUSLY RELATED TO ITS LARGER, MORE UPRIGHT RELATIVE, THE NATURALLY HYBRIDIZED BLUEBEARD (*CARYOPTERIS X CLANDONENSIS*), JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS AUTUMN BLOOMING SHRUB IS MORE COMPACT AND DENSE. AUTUMN BLUE HAS A LOWER, BROADER PROFILE AND A LESS OPEN FORM. REACHING 2-3' TALL X 3-4' WIDE, IT FILLS IN AROUND THE FEET OF TALLER GROWING SHRUBS AND PERENNIALS. THE FLOWERS, APPEARING IN LATE SUMMER INTO FALL, ARE LINED UP ON FOOT LONG BLOOMING STEMS, AND ARE ARRANGED LIKE TIGHT, FUZZY, BLUE POM-POMS ON A STRING. ITS LATE BLOOM TIME, AT A TIME WHEN MANY GARDEN PLANTS HAVE SLOWED OR STOPPED THEIR BLOOMING, IS A BONUS FOR THE BUTTERFLIES THAT LOVE TO SIP ITS NECTAR. AUTUMN BLUE SPIREA WITHSTANDS POOR, DRY SOIL AND IS RESISTANT TO THE BROWSING OF DEER.

ZONES 5-9

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