

SPANISH CATMINT

NEPETA TUBEROSA

SO UNLIKE THE MORE FAMILIAR CATMINTS, SPANISH CATMINT'S STOUT SPIKES OF TINY BLOSSOMS WILL LIKELY MYSTIFY VISITORS TO YOUR GARDEN. THE FUZZY GRAY LEAVES, ALSO FAR LARGER THAN THE MORE FAMILIAR MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY, ARE KEPT MOSTLY NEAR THE BASE OF THE PLANT, FROM WHICH ARISE THE FAT, FOOT LONG, BEE FODDER FILLED SPIKES OF PURPLE. A MEDITERRANEAN PLANT, THIS CATMINT IS ACCUSTOMED TO HOT DRY SUMMERS LIKE OURS, HAVING DEVELOPED FAT, WATER CONSERVING, TUBEROUS ROOTS TO MATCH THE FAT FLOWER SPIKES. GROWING HERE WITH ENGLISH LAVENDER, THE BEES ACTUALLY HEAD FIRST FOR THE CATMINT, IF YOU CAN BELIEVE THAT. RARE.



ZONES 6-10

SUN TO LIGHT SHADE

