

**Botanical Name:** *Caryopteris x clandonensis*

**Common Name:** Blue Mist

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## SHRUB/PERENNIAL



Spring



Summer



Fall



Winter

**Family:** Verbenaceae

**Origin:** Asia

**Climate Zone:** USDA 5-9, Sunset 2b-9, 14-24

**Mature Height:** 3-4 feet

**Mature Width:** 3-4 feet

**Plant Type:** Deciduous

**Growth Habit:** Low growing mound

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Flower Color/Details:** Clusters of small violet-blue fragrant flowers on upper portion of stem

**Flower Season:** Midsummer to frost

**Bark:** Sandy brown

**Fruit:** Small, winged seeds that easily sprout

**Foliage:** Narrow 3-inch long, gray-green leaves smell of mint or eucalyptus when crushed

**Use:** Perennial or shrub border, foreground of taller shrubs, raised planter, feature plant

**Floral:** Unknown

**Wildlife/Beneficials:** Attracts butterflies, bees, hummingbirds

**Deer Resistant:** Yes

**Fire Resistant:** No

**Medicinal Uses/Edible:** Unknown

**Adverse Factors:** Short-lived, 4-5 years. Crowns rot in wet, poorly-drained soils

**Soil:** Adaptable, if well-drained

**Exposure:** Full sun to part sun

**Water Requirements:** Moderate, drought tolerant

**WUCOLS Water Needs:** M M M M / /

**UC Davis Arboretum All-Star:** No

**Description:** Deciduous shrub that adapts well to low moisture and low humidity. Dependable foliage and flowers. Replace after 4-5 years. Also known as Blue Beard, Blue Spirea. Recently reclassified in Lamiaceae Family.

**Maintenance:** Cut back to 4-6 inches tall after last spring frost for a strong, dense shrub in summer. Leaving last year's foliage in place over winter protects roots from freezing.



#1 Nursery Container