Gnome Purple Gomphrena

Gomphrena globosa 'Gnome Purple'

Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 10 inches

Spread: 6 inches

Spacing: 6 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Bachelor's Button

Group/Class: Gnome Series



Gnome Purple Gomphrena flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Description:

A dwarf and compact variety, ideal for mixed borders and containers; features rounded purple flowers that dance above green foliage; thrives in hot and humid conditions; easy to grow, requiring little to no maintenance

Ornamental Features

Gnome Purple Gomphrena has masses of beautiful purple ball-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from mid summer to mid fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its tomentose pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Gnome Purple Gomphrena is an herbaceous annual 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. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.



Gnome Purple Gomphrena in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Gnome Purple Gomphrena is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Gnome Purple Gomphrena will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 10 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 6 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 6 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. This annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. 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 cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Gnome Purple Gomphrena is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.