

# SUNSHINE BLUE® II

*Caryopteris incana*

'SMNCVH' pp#28,093, cbraf

Common name: bluebeard, blue mist spirea



Landscape Info:	
USDA/AHS zones:	USDA 5/AHS 9
Mature height:	3'/.9 m
Exposure:	Full sun
Irrigation:	Dry to moderate

Features & Benefits:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improved Sunshine Blue with better hardiness than any yellow-leaf caryopteris</li> <li>- Blue flowers late in the season contrast with bright yellow foliage</li> <li>- An excellent pollinator plant</li> <li>- Works well in perennial gardens or as a low hedge or edging</li> <li>- Very deer resistant</li> </ul>



Cultural info:		
pH Level:	5.6 – 6.2	
Nutrient Needs:	Average	
EC (2:1 extract):	0.6 – 0.9	
Light Level:	High	
Watering:	Low to average	
Rooting Out Temp:	65-72°F/18.3-22.2°C	
Overwintering Temp:	40-50°/4.4-10°C	
Sales Window:	Spring-fall; late summer bloom	
Blooms On:	New wood	
Trimming/pruning:	Trim 2-4 times	
Vernalization:	Not required	
Vigor Rating:	Average to fast	
Finish Size	Liner Size	Weeks of Active Growth to Finish
1 gallon	2 ¼" • 4" • QT	8-10 • 7-9 • 6-8
2 -3 gallon	4" • QT	16-20 • 12-16

Grower Tips:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makes a good addition to fall color programs; can be potted and sold in the same season.</li> <li>• Trim or shear plants as often as new growth permits to create a compact, dense plant. Stop trimming in late June to have plants in bloom for late season sales.</li> <li>• Good drainage is imperative for success; grow much like you do buddleia.</li> <li>• Avoid late season fertilizing and heavy watering in cold climates.</li> <li>• Keep on the dry side during dormancy</li> <li>• Potting a 2 ¼" liner directly to a 3 gallon is not recommended.</li> </ul>
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