

## Centaurea montana 'Amethyst Dream' Amethyst Dream Bachelor's Button

Centaurea montana 'Amethyst Dream' (Amethyst Dream Bachelor's Button) features unique, thistle-like, fringed magenta-purple flowers that illuminate the summer garden. In spring, green to gray green, elliptic leaves emerge in a vigorous mound. By June, large (3" wide) purple fringed flowers bloom atop 1.5-2' tall stems. The deep purple contrasts well against the soft gray-green foliage. Long-lasting blooms continue into August, but the flower heads continue to provide interest for several months after the blooms have faded. Goldfinches will descend upon the seed heads in late summer. This hardy cultivar is deer resistant and tolerates heat and drought well once established. Easily grown in well-drained, sandy-loam soils in full sun.

**Botanical Name:** *Centaurea montana* 'Amethyst Dream'

**Common Name:** Amethyst Dream Bachelor's Button

**Family:** Asteraceae

**Nativity:** Not Native to US

**USDA Zone:** 3 to 9

**Light Type:** Full Sun

**Soil Type:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Preferences:** well-drained, sandy, acidic soil

**Soil Moisture:** Dry to Moist

**Typical height (ft):** 1.5-2'

**Typical width (ft):** 1.5-2'

**Foliage:** Gray-green

**Bloom Time:** June, July, August

**Bloom:** violet-blue to pink, feathery petals

**Ecological features:** Floral resources attract butterflies; seed heads attract finches

**Tolerance of:** Deer, drought, heat

**Additional notes:** Grows best in cool climates.

**Companion plants:** Coral Bells (*Heuchera* spp.), Columbine (*Aquilegia vulgaris*), Undulata Hosta (*Hosta* 'Undulata'), Moonbeam Tickseed (*Coreopsis verticillata*), Red Valerian (*Centranthus ruber*), Rose Campion (*Lychnis coronaria*), Yarrow (*Achillea* spp.), Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia* spp.), Russian Sage (*perovskia atriplicifolia*), Gaura and Ornamental Grasses

**For more information see:**

<https://www.americanmeadows.com/perennials/unique-perennials/bachelors-button-amethyst-dreams>

<https://www.perennials.com/plants/centaurea-montana-amethyst-dream.html>

<https://www.monrovia.com/plant-catalog/plants/7007/amethyst-dream-bachelors-button/#:~:text=>

<https://www.growingcolors.com/plant/Centaurea-montana-Amethyst-Dream>

<https://patents.justia.com/patent/PP20781>

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close-up of flower



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plant form



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flower side view

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