

Stachys officinalis 'Hummelo' Hummelo Betony

Stachys officinalis 'Hummelo' (Hummelo Betony) hosts a lovely display of vibrant, rose-lavender flowers atop tall, leafless stems rising well above the foliage, reaching 1.5 to 2 feet tall in late summer. A low-growing herbaceous perennial in the mint family, its dense foliage of glossy, medium green leaves spreads over time to create the appearance of a neatly compact groundcover. Offers a vertical, spiky appearance when in bloom, attracting hummingbirds, bees and butterflies from June to August. Known for strong flower production, vigor, habitat quality and winter hardiness, this plant is a top-rated Stachys in Chicago Botanic Garden trial tests. Plants prefer full sun to light shade and evenly moist and well-drained soils. This plant exhibits some drought and heat tolerance, but appreciates light afternoon shade.

Botanical Name: Stachys officinalis 'Hummelo'

Common Name: Hummelo Betony

Family: Lamiaceae

Nativity: Not Native to US

USDA Zone: 4 to 8

Light Type: Full sun to Light Shade

Soil Type: Sandy to Loam

Soil Preferences: Evenly moist, well-drained soil; clay soils must be amended

Soil Moisture: Medium

Typical height (ft): 1.5-2' (foliage 1-1.5'; 2' in flower)

Typical width (ft): 1.5-2'

Foliage: Medium green

Bloom Time: June, July, August

Bloom: Vibrant rose-lavender

Ecological features: Provides floral resources for hummingbirds, butterflies, bees, and other pollinators

Tolerance of: Salt, Deer, Black Walnut

Additional notes: Spreads slowly via rhizomes to provide tidy ground cover; top rated Stachys in Chicago Botanic Gardens trial tests.

'Hummelo' is sometimes sold in commerce as a cultivar of Stachys monieri.

Companion plants: Purple Dome Aster (*Aster novae-angliae* 'Purple Dome'), Prairie Dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*), Geraniums (*Geranium* spp.), Coneflowers (*Echinacea purpurea*), Autumn Moor Grass (*Sesleria autumnalis*), Grandiflora Coreopsis (*Coreopsis* 'Grandiflora')

For more information see:

<http://www.newmoonnursery.com/plant/Stachys-officinalis-Hummelo>

<https://www.midwestgroundcovers.com/plant/Stachys-officinalis-Hummelo>

<https://wimastergardener.org/article/stachys-hummelo/>

<https://www.americanmeadows.com/perennials/unique-perennials/stachys-monieri-hummelo-betony>

https://www.chicagobotanic.org/downloads/planteval_notes/no27_stachys.pdf

Images of Stachys officinalis 'Hummelo'



Stachys monieri Hummelo 1zz.jpg

close-up of blooms



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plant form



Stachys Hummelo_1.jpg
plant form-mass growth of plants with blooms



Stachys Hummelo_2.jpg
close-up of leaves



Stachys Hummelo_3.jpg
winter interest - seedhead

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