

## Stachys 'Mrs. Magenta' Mrs. Magenta Betony

**NOTE:** This cultivar is new to the scene. Description here based on *Stachys officinalis* and photos.

Stachys 'Mrs. Magenta' (Mrs. Magenta Betony) is a new cultivar developed by Piet Oudolf that features spiky, magenta flower heads floating above medium green foliage. Basal foliage makes an attractive, compact ground cover with long, wrinkled foliage clumps growing up to 1' high. Beginning in June, stems rise above the foliage to 2' tall and are topped by spikes of bright pink, tubular flowers that bloom into August. A great combination of gray woolly leaves and vivid early spring flower display, this plant looks great when massed together. Attracts, hummingbirds, bees and butterflies to the garden. Prefers full sun conditions and tolerates a variety of soil types as long as it is well-drained. Deer, salt, and black walnut tolerant as well. This variety has limited nursery availability. New cultivar, limited information, stay tuned. Information here based on the species.

**Botanical Name:** Stachys 'Mrs. Magenta'

**Common Name:** Mrs. Magenta Betony

**Family:** Lamiaceae

**Nativity:** Not Native to US

**USDA Zone:** 4 to 8

**Light Type:** Full Sun, Light Shade

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

**Soil Preferences:** evenly moist, well-drained soil

**Soil Moisture:** Medium

**Typical height (ft):** 2-2.5' (foliage 1'; 2-2.5' in flower)

**Typical width (ft):** 1-2'

**Foliage:** Medium green

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

**Bloom:** Magenta

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

**Tolerance of:** Deer, salt, Black Walnut, some drought

**Additional notes:** New cultivar, limited information, stay tuned.

**Companion plants:** Coneflowers (*Echinacea* spp.), Yarrow (*Achillea* spp.), Chamomile (*Anthemis* spp.), Fountain Grass (*Pennisetum* spp.)

**For more information see:**

[https://www.chicagobotanic.org/downloads/planteval\\_notes/no27\\_stachys.pdf](https://www.chicagobotanic.org/downloads/planteval_notes/no27_stachys.pdf)

<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=b153>

<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/edible/herbs/betony/growing-betony-plants.htm>

<http://www.luontoportti.com/suomi/en/kukkakasvit/wood-betony>

**Images of Stachys 'Mrs. Magenta'**



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multiple blooms

**Image choices for narrative:**

Stachys mrs. Magenta\_1.jpg -- multiple blooms