

## Veronica longifolia 'Eveline' Eveline Speedwell

Veronica longifolia 'Eveline' (Eveline Speedwell) brings bold spikes of magenta-pink flowers to the summer garden. Dark green, lance-shaped foliage (4" long blades) emerges in spring. Plants have upright form and each stem is topped with several vertical, tapered flower spikes, resembling candelabras. Densely flowered, magenta-pink spikes are on display from June until August, attracting bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinators. As temperatures cool in fall, Eveline foliage takes on deep purplish-red hues. Plants are a compact size, reaching up to 2' tall in flower and 1-1.5' wide. Plants prefer full sun, but will tolerate part shade. Does best with consistently moist, well-drained soils. It is resistant to herbivore browse and tolerant of road salt and hot conditions.

**Botanical Name:** Veronica longifolia 'Eveline'

**Common Name:** Eveline Speedwell

**Family:** Plantaginaceae

**Nativity:** Not Native to US

**USDA Zone:** 4 to 8

**Light Type:** Full sun, Light Shade

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

**Soil Preferences:** Prefers average, well-drained soil

**Soil Moisture:** Medium

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

**Typical width (ft):** 1-1.5'

**Foliage:** Deep green

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

**Bloom:** Magenta-pink, Purple

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

**Tolerance of:** Deer, rabbit, heat, salt

**Additional notes:** Compact, upright plant with profuse spikes of flowers; very attractive to pollinators.

**Companion plants:** Tickseed (*Coreopsis* spp.), Blue Fescue (*Festuca glauca*), Calamintha (*Calamintha nepeta* spp. *Nepeta*), Aster, Yarrow (*Achillea* spp.), ornamental grasses with cloud-like seed heads like Tufted Hair Grass (*Deschampsia cespitosa*)

**For more information see:**

<http://www.perennialresource.com/variety.php?ID=VEREV>

<http://www.perennials.com/plants/veronica-longifolia-eveline.html>

<https://www.saundersbrothers.com/plant/Veronica-longifolia-Eveline>

<https://www.pleasantrunnursery.com/plantname/Veronica-longifolia-Eveline>

<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?taxonid=263341&isprofile=0&>

<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/ornamental/flowers/speedwell/speedwell-in-the-garden.htm>

**Images of Veronica longifolia 'Eveline'**



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Flower close up



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spike of violet-purple flowers



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upright spike of violet-purple flowers



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densely-flowered spikes in shade

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