



CARYOPTERIS X CLANDONENSIS 'DARK KNIGHT' BLUE MIST

This native of east Asia is a hybrid between *Caryopteris incana* and *Caryopteris mongolica*. The bloodlines must have been excellent, because this little shrub is a real winner! Blue mist blooms all summer, with whorls of deep blue flowers clustered at the branch tips. As an added bonus, these turn into attractive dried seed heads in the fall and winter. The flowers are rich in nectar, attracting both butterflies and bees. Blue mist grows to 3 feet tall by 4 feet wide, in a dense mound. The long, narrow grey-green leaves are quite aromatic, and seem to repel deer. The leaves drop in the winter, and this is a good time to prune the plant back vigorously. Plant Blue mist in full sun or part shade, well-drained soils, and be sure to provide supplemental water during the bloom period. This plant is cold hardy to -20° F, and has tolerated the summer heat in Phoenix surprisingly well. USDA Zone 5.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY

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| SIZE (H X W) | 3 feet x 4 feet |
| FLOWER COLOR | Blue |
| FLOWER SEASON | Summer - Fall |
| EXPOSURE | Full sun, part shade |
| WATER | Moderate |
| GROWTH RATE | Moderate |
| HARDINESS | -20° F, USDA Zone 5 |
| PRUNING | Cut back in winter |



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