

Bachelor's Button

Centaurea cyanus

Bachelor's Button, also known as Cornflower, is often seen growing as a weed in fields and along roads and railroads. This is a hardy, low maintenance, cool season annual with striking blue flowers. It is an attractive and long-lasting cut flower. It reseeds and naturalizes easily so dead-heading may be necessary to control the seeds. Attracts butterflies, pollinators and songbirds.

Type: cool season annual

USDA hardiness zones: 2 through 11

Uses: cottage garden ; cutting garden;
edible garden; container; border

Origin: not native to North America

Height: 1 to 3 feet

Spread: 61 to 2 feet

Plant spacing: 6 to 12 inches

Light requirement: full sun to part shade

Soil tolerances: clay; loam; acidic to alkaline;
high organic matter

Drought tolerance: good

Soil salt tolerances: unknown

Invasive potential: not considered a problem
species

Pest resistance: no significant problems

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