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## Rapido Blue Bellflower

***Campanula carpatica 'Rapido Blue'***



*Rapido Blue Bellflower flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 8 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Carpathian Harebell, Carpathian Bellflower

**Description:**

Adorable, compact mound, covered with violet-blue cups; perfect in rock, scree and wall gardens, a butterfly magnet; prefers consistent moisture, but not wet soil

**Ornamental Features**

Rapido Blue Bellflower is bathed in stunning blue bell-shaped flowers with violet overtones and white centers at the ends of the stems from late spring to late summer. Its round leaves remain emerald green in color throughout the season.



*Rapido Blue Bellflower in bloom*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

**Landscape Attributes**

Rapido Blue Bellflower is a dense herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Rapido Blue Bellflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

**Planting & Growing**

Rapido Blue Bellflower will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Rapido Blue Bellflower is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.