

2021 PERENNIAL PLANT OF THE YEAR

'CAT'S PAJAMAS' CATMINT

"It is an amazing perennial! Give it a year or two to mature and you'll see that this petite little catmint forms a bowling ball shaped mound that is covered top to bottom in splashy blue blossoms that bees, butterflies and hummingbirds adore. It blooms first in late spring to early summer, then after a quick shearing it flowers again from midsummer to fall. Use it as a tidy, colorful border around your veggie garden where visiting bees will make regular visits and help boost your yields. Or line your front border with a ribbon of this blue beauty and admire it every time you walk outside. There are endless uses for this easy-to-grow, hardy perennial.

Nepeta, 'Cat's Pajamas' is hardy in zones 3-8, full sun, average to poor soil, allow to dry a bit between waterings. 12-14" tall x 18-20" wide, deer and rabbit resistant."

From Proven Winners Instagram.



Unlike its close relative, catnip (both are members of the mint family), catmint is better behaved and much showier. By contrast, catnip has a rather weedy appearance and is rarely grown as an ornamental.

Nonetheless, it is king of the catmint plants because of its effect on that diminutive "king of the jungle.", the cat.

All my catmints have been very well-behaved and have not reseeded around. I have found many of these at local nurseries. Most, if not all of the catmints have gray-green, aromatic foliage.

Other Catmints to look for are:

'Cat's Meow' is 17-20" x 24-36", also mounding

'6 Hills Giant' is a 3' x 24" plant that seems to get gangly looking in the garden. It can also overwhelm its neighbors. Deep purple flowers

'Little Titch' is a dwarf catmint that is 8-10" x 15" making it a great choice as a border plant

'Blue Wonder' is 1-2 feet tall, with dark blue flowers,

'Kit Kat' is a long-blooming, 18 inch tall selection,

'Walker's Low' with lavender-blue flowers on arching, 2-3 tall stems.

This had been my favorite until they started coming out with the newer varieties like Cat's Meow, Little Trudy. Etc.

'White Wonder' is a white flowered cultivar.

'Little Trudy' is 10-12" x 12-18", another great border plant.

'Purrsian Blue' is 14-18" x 18-30"

Others to look for include: Kitten Around, Purple Haze, Neptune, Felix, and Junior Walker's Low, etc.



Walker's Low



Cat's Meow



6 Hills Giant



Purrsian Blue



Little Trudy

