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PROPAGATION

Ajuga Open Cultivar(s)

Ajuga tenorii



TRAY & ROOTING

Form	Unrooted Cuttings (URC)
Rooting Hormone	No
Tray Size(s)	72, 105
Plants Per Cell	1
Wks. From Stick To Transplant	4-5
Pinch?	Yes
Days from stick to pinch	14-21

FERTILITY

Fertilize Through Mist?	No
Fertilizer Rate	50-75 ppm N (20-6-22 or 22-5-16 [15-0-15 under low-light conditions])
EC Range	Low: (0.8-2.0 mS via SME)
pH Range	6.0-6.5

TEMPERATURE

Average Soil Temperature	65-72°F (18-22°C)
Average Air Temperature	65-72°F (18-22°C)

IRRIGATION

Irrigation Frequency	Level 3: Keep media moderately moist with mild dry cycles
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LIGHT

Supplemental	No
Benefits From Shade?	No

POTENTIAL DISEASES

Botrytis, root and stem rot

POTENTIAL PESTS

whitefly, aphids

PGR SUGGESTIONS

- Optional 300-500 ppm Florel (3.9% Ethephon)
- Optional 3-5 ppm Sumagic (0.055% Uniconazole)

CULTIVAR LIST

Chocolate Chip



TIPS

- Avoid burying growing point, this will promote root rot and/or ruin the plant habit.

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FINISHING

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VERNALIZATION

Vernalization Required?	Optional
Vernalization Duration Minimum	6-8 weeks
Vernalization Temperature	35-40°F (1.6-4.4°C)

CONTAINER SIZE	PLANTS PER POT	TRANSPLANT TO FINISH (WEEKS)
4 in./qt (10-12 cm)	1	5-9
6 in./Gal. (15-16 cm)	2-3	5-9

FERTILITY

Fertilizer Rate 50-100 ppm N (20-6-22 or 22-5-16 [15-0-15 under low-light conditions])

EC Range **Low: (0.8-2.0 mS via SME)**

pH Range **5.5-6.2**

TEMPERATURE

Day Temperature **55-65°F (13-18°C)**

Night Temperature **45-55°F (7-13°C)**

IRRIGATION

Irrigation Frequency **Level 3: Keep media moderately moist with mild dry cycles**

LIGHT

Photoperiodic requirements **Daylength Neutral**

Supplemental? **None**

Benefits From Shade? **Yes**

PINCHING

Finishing Pinch? **No**

Transplant to pinch (days) **N/A**

POTENTIAL DISEASES

Botrytis, root and stem rot

POTENTIAL PESTS

whitefly, aphids

PGR SUGGESTIONS

- 2500 ppm B-Nine (85% Daminozide)
- 6-8 ppm Sumagic (0.055% Uniconazole)
- 1-2ppm Bonzi (0.4% Paclobutrazol) drench as needed



TIPS

- Maintain night temperatures as low as possible to keep plants compact.
- Vernalization is not required but a cold treatment will promote a superior flower set.

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FEATURES AND BENEFITS

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KEY INFORMATION

First Year Flowering?	No
Bloom Time	Early Spring to Early Summer
Exposure	Part Sun
Hardiness Zone	4-9
Height	4-6 inches (10-15 cm)
Width	12-24 inches (30-60 cm)

DESCRIPTION

Still one of the best groundcovers for sunny or shady areas, *Ajuga* has beautiful foliage and lovely flowers; a perfect duo.

CONSUMER APPEAL

- The short flower-packed spikes help to attract bees.
- Resistant to both deer and rabbits. *Ajuga* has also shown tolerance to the allelopathic chemicals produced by black walnut trees.

GARDEN ATTRIBUTES

- A superb groundcover, especially when early flowering impact is desired. The unique foliage also gives gardeners the choice of growing this plant as an accent piece or as part of a combination.
- The slow-paced spread of this perennial make it a manageable ground cover that won't get out-of-hand but will still provide a carpeted look where needed; perfect for locations where turf is difficult to establish or maintain.
- *Ajuga* prefers moderate moisture and rich humusy soils with good drainage though it will tolerate moderately dry soils once established. Can tolerate clay soils if not overwatered.
- Established dense stands of this groundcover help to prevent weeds by smothering them before they have a chance to establish themselves. Despite some claims to the contrary, *Ajuga* is not a stepable and should not be subjected to foot traffic. Very few, if any, perennials are actually "stepable", destructive foot-falls should be avoided.

NATIVITY

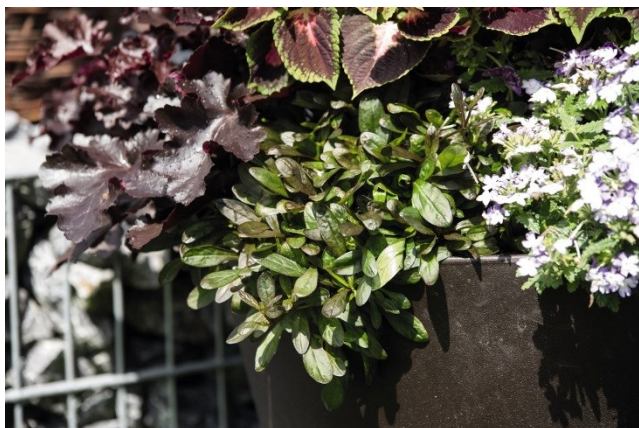
Found in Europe, Northern Africa, and Southwestern Asia.

COMPANION PLANTS

Heuchera, *Helleborus*, *Monarda*

COMMON NAME(S)

bugleweed, bugleherb, common bugle



'Chocolate Chip' in a mixed container



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