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## PROPAGATION

# *Ajuga Open Cultivar(s)*

*Ajuga reptans*



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

### TEMPERATURE

Average Soil Temperature	<b>65-72°F (18-22°C)</b>
Average Air Temperature	<b>65-72°F (18-22°C)</b>

### IRRIGATION

Irrigation Frequency	<b>Level 3: Keep media moderately moist with mild dry cycles</b>
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### LIGHT

Supplemental	<b>No</b>
Benefits From Shade?	<b>No</b>

### 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

Bronze Beauty, Burgundy Glow, Caitlin's Giant, Golden Glow, Mahogany



*Ajuga reptans* 'Bronze'

### 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?	<b>Optional</b>
Vernalization Duration Minimum	<b>6-8 weeks</b>
Vernalization Temperature	<b>35-40°F (1.6-4.4°C)</b>

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

## 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



'Mahogany'

## 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?	<b>No</b>
Bloom Time	<b>Early Spring to Early Summer</b>
Exposure	<b>Part Sun</b>
Hardiness Zone	<b>4-9</b>
Height	<b>4-6 inches (10-15 cm)</b>
Width	<b>12-24 inches (30-60 cm)</b>

### 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

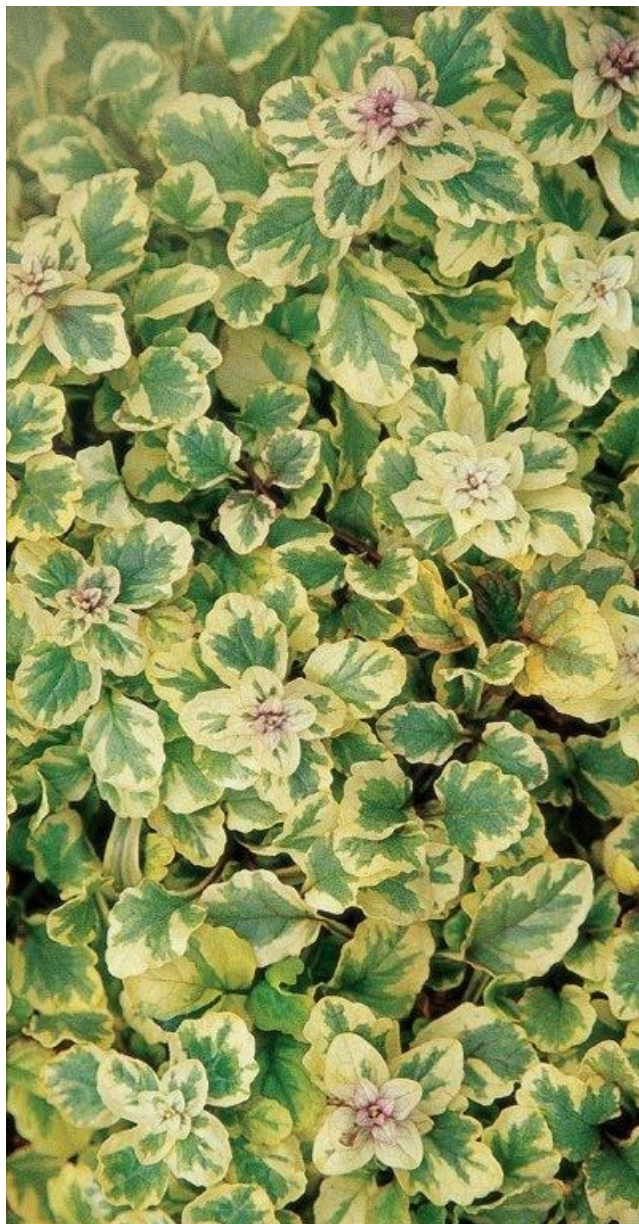
Found in Europe, Northern Africa, and Southwestern Asia.

### COMPANION PLANTS

*Heuchera*, *Helleborus*, *Monarda*

### COMMON NAME(S)

bugleweed, bugleherb, common bugle



'Golden Glow'

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