

# SHELME RDINE

## SECOND NATURE



### **Birch Hybrid Bellflower**

*Campanula 'Birch Hybrid'*

Height: 6 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 2b

#### **Ornamental Features**

Birch Hybrid Bellflower has masses of beautiful navy blue bell-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its round leaves remain green in colour throughout the season. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Birch Hybrid Bellflower is an herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. 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 has no significant negative characteristics.

Birch Hybrid Bellflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

#### **Planting & Growing**

Birch Hybrid Bellflower will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years.



*Birch Hybrid Bellflower flowers*  
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*Birch Hybrid Bellflower in bloom*  
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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. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Birch Hybrid Bellflower is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our store for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.