



Georgia savory



Plant Botanical Name:

Clinopodium georgianum

Sunlight:

Full sun to filtered shade

Plant Soil Type:

Well drained

Plant Moisture Requirements:

Dry to low moisture

Plant Threat Level:

Vulnerable

Also known as Georgia savory or Georgia catmint, this rare plant in the mint family is native to the Coastal Plain and Piedmont regions, from North Carolina south into the Florida panhandle and west to Louisiana. It historically was found in most longleaf pine sandhills and dry rocky woodlands. It is quite rare in the periphery of its range and is endangered in North Carolina. However, *Clinopodium georgianum* is readily available commercially and makes a great addition to a sunny, well-drained site. Eventually growing into a clumping sub-shrub, it is used for hedging in herb gardens or in parterres. Its small, round leaves smell like peppermint candy, and in late summer, the plant is covered in small purple flowers into autumn. When planted in dry, well-drained conditions, it performs well without supplemental irrigation. Georgia basil is a beautiful plant that grows well with other rock garden plants like *Bigelowia nuttallii*, *Ionactis linariifolius*, *Spigelia marlandica*, *Liatris microcephala* and *Coreopsis verticillata*.

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