






CARYOPTERIS x CLANDONENSIS 'DARK KNIGHT'

Dark Knight Bluebeard

 Low to moderate water

 Full sun to part shade

 Attracts butterflies

 Rabbit resistant

 Deer resistant

 Native to Asia

Why we love it...

Silvery green leaves and long-lasting spires of deep blue summertime flowers combine to form a dense and rounded medium-sized shrub that flourishes in our difficult climate. Dark knight bluebeard is tolerant of extreme weather conditions; from winter lows down to -30° F, to the high heat of summer in Phoenix.

When crushed, the leaves smell similar to sage, which keeps chewing from the likes of rabbits, deer, and many insect pests at a minimum. The flowers are more sweetly scented, inviting butterfly pollinators to visit frequently for nectar. Flowering and butterfly activity are constant from late spring through early fall, creating a beautiful and fun atmosphere wherever bluebeard is planted. This deciduous shrub goes dormant in winter, which is a good time to prune it back and shape it up for next year.



Lydia says: Bluebeard doesn't grow well in heavy soils with high clay content. Plant yours in faster draining soil for the best results.

Deciduous Shrub: *Caryopteris x clandonensis* 'Dark Knight'

Size (H x W): 2-3 feet x 3-4 feet

Blooms: Blue flowers in summer and fall

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Hardiness Zone: -30° F, USDA Zone 4

Water: Low to moderate

Pruning: Winter

Growth Rate: Moderate to fast



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