

# Lesser Calamint

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*Top: The overall shape and texture of Lesser Calamint*

*Right: The leaf and flower panicle*



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Family: Lamiaceae

**Stem & Leaf Type:** herbaceous sub-shrub

**Size:** 12-18" tall x 12-18" wide

**USDA Hardiness Zones:** 5-7

**Leaves :** opposite, ovate leaves less than 1" long.  
Covered with small hairs. Incredibly fragrant when crushed

**Leaf Color:** gray-green to bright green

**Fall Color:** none

**Flower Time:** June-September

**Flower Color:** pale blue, lavender, or white

**Fruit:** small brown capsules

**Light:** full sun-part shade

**Moisture:** dry to well-drained

**Insect/Disease Issues:** none significant

**Nativity:** southern Europe

**Location in the Gardens:**

Jones Rose Garden, Hillside Garden,  
Pattern Garden

**Culture & Landscape Value:** A great plant for massing and mixing. Attracts bees and butterflies and has a strong smell, similar to oregano.

**Notes:**



**Months of Interest:**

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec