



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 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 in North Carolina. However, *Clinopodium georgianum* is readily available commercially and makes a great addition to a sunny, well-drained site. Eventually a 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 white flowers that fade 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 plants like *Bigelowia nuttallii*, *Ionactis linariifolius*, *Spigelia marlandica*, *Liatris microcephala* and *Coreopsis verticillata*.

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