

Gingermint

Mentha xgracilis

Description

Hybrid cross between Wild Mint (*Mentha arvensis*) and Spearmint (*Mentha spicata*). Handling plant may cause skin irritation or allergic reaction; culinary, medicinal uses.

Habit

Perennial forb, aromatic, growing to 0.4 m (1 ft 6 in) by 0.6 m (2 ft).

Leaves

Opposite.

Stems

Erect; upright; square shaped; touch of red; 12-30 in high.

Flowers

Violet/Lavender in color, sterile, flowers appear in whorls on long, thin spikes.

Fruits and Seeds

Sterile - Does not seed.





Habitat

Grows in sandy, loamy; and clay soils; prefers acid, neutral and basic (alkaline) soils; semi-shade (light woodland) or no shade.

Reproduction

By dividing rhizomes; tubers; corms or bulbs (including offsets); softwood cuttings.

Similar

Other species of Mint (*Mentha* spp.).

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Hand-pulling; boiling water; smothering it out; effectively controlled using any of the several readily available general use herbicides such as glyphosate.

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