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## PPA's Perennial Plant of the Year

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#FallsForPlanting perennials, too. The Perennial Plant Association recently announced the recipient of its Perennial Plant of the Year program for 2021 and it's *Calamintha nepeta* subsp. *nepeta*, also known as lesser calamint.

Lesser calamint has tiny white (sometimes tinged blue) flowers that PPA describes as “like a cloud of confetti” that bloom from early summer through fall. “Undemanding and dependable,” PPA calls it, while providing a most excellent foil for other summer flowers. It likes full sun, has a low mounding or bushy habit, and is durable and pest-free. Pollinators love it

and the deer don't, both two very good things.

Learn more about lesser calamint at [perennialplant.org/page/2021PPOY](https://perennialplant.org/page/2021PPOY). And if you're a PPA member, you have access to a flyer, poster and bench cards to help you spread the word about calamint to your customers. **GP**