

CEANOTHUS ‘Silver Surprise’

Origin: Discovered in the Holland by Plantsman Peter Brand.

Species: *C. griseus*

Protection Status: US Plant Patent #14,566

Characteristics:

A variegated sport of ‘Yankee Point’, this great shrub reaches a similar height of 2 to 3’ feet, but a narrower width. Instead of 6’ to 8’ wide in the landscape, ‘**Silver Surprise**’ stays a tidier 3’ to 4’ wide. The strong green and white variegation has striking contrast against the medium blue foliage. Greater seasonal interest than a straight green variety, ‘**Silver Surprise**’ has impulse appeal in a gallon. Use ‘**Silver Surprise**’ in a patio container where it thrives in part shade or full sun. Great next to the house or in the perennial border, this plant has mass appeal. (Thus far in trials, some minor reversion has occurred, but no burning in coastal CA heat and full sun.)

Hardiness: USDA Zone 8 to 10.

Bloom: Delicate medium blue flowers.

Foliage: Evergreen, variegated green and white small leaves.

Habit: Mature size is 3’ tall, 4’ wide.

Propagation: Cuttings. *License required for propagation.*

Culture: Typical Ceanothus culture applies.

