

## CIMICIFUGA 'Hillside Black Beauty'

Origin: Selected by Plantswoman Mary Ann McGourty, introduced by Hillside Gardens, CT.

Species: *Cimicifuga ramosa*

Protection Status: US Plant Patent #9,988, Canadian COPF Registration

### Characteristics:

'**Hillside Black Beauty**' is a tall herbaceous perennial with deep purple stems and foliage. This stunning plant flowers in the late summer with long bluish racemes. The flowers also have a strong fragrance reminiscent of summer phlox and ripe purple grapes. '**Hillside Black Beauty**' makes a great back-of-the-border and specimen plant. With the dark foliage it stands out in a mixed bed.

Hardiness: USDA Zone 4

Bloom: Middle to late summer. 10-14" long racemes - white petals on purple sepals. Very fragrant.

Foliage: Deep purple, almost black. Color remains stable even in warmer climates.

Habit: Depending on conditions, height ranges from 4.5'-7'. Clump-forming.

Propagation: Tissue culture and division. *License required for propagation.*

Culture: Similar to other Cimicifuga. Best colorization is obtained in bright light.

