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*Nepeta mussinii*

[Synonyms : *Nepeta x faassenii*, *Nepeta racemosa*]

**CATNIP** is a perennial. Native to the Caucasus it has small lavender blue flowers.

It is also known as *Bergnepeta* (Swedish), Cat mint, Dwarf catnip, Garden catnip, *Herbe dé cat* (Channel Islander-Guernsey), *Kantnepeta* (Swedish), *Katinminttu* (Finnish), Mauve catnip, Raceme catnip, *Šanta hroznovitá* (Czech), and *Traubige Katzenminze* (German).

*Mussinii* commemorates a Russian chemist, Count Apollos Apollosevitch Mussin-Puschkin (died 1805 or 1815), who collected plants in the Caucasus in 1802. He is also said to have been a former ambassador in London.

This species not cat-mint is said to be preferred by cats.