

**Cryptobergia ‘Sangria and Mint’**

Cryptobergia ‘Sangria and Mint’ is commonly known as Cryptobergia ‘Bronze’, a plant that was developed by crossing Billbergia nutans and Cryptanthus bahianus.

Cryptobergia ‘Sangria and Mint’ has both interesting form and foliage. It can be described in form as; a sturdy ornamental plant that has stiff arching serrated foliage arranged in dense clumps of approximately 30cm in width. The foliage can be described as; a spiral or rosette arrangement where the top side of the leaves are a glossy bronze-red, flecked with green while the underside is silver-grey in colour.

Cryptobergia ‘Sangria and Mint’ grows best in bright shade or part sun. They thrive in a well drained soil and only need water when the soil becomes dry. Be careful not to overwater as this will cause the plant to rot! Once established this plant is drought tolerant and water wise.

Cryptobergia brings colourful interest to garden beds where their dense clumps create a tough no nonsense ground cover, should these clumps become too big they can easily be divided in spring. They are also make fuss free options to pots on patios as one does not need to consistently water them. They perform well when planted in mass in bright shade under trees or why not create a mixed bed with other Bromeliad species.

All in all, Cryptobergia ‘Sangria and Mint’ is an easy to grow plant that is very hardy and needs very little care and attention.