

HORT TIPS AND NEWS

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Goodbye Floppy. Do you love catmint, but hate its mid-summer flop? *Fine Gardening Magazine* tells us about a new cultivar called 'Cat's Meow' (*Nepeta faassenii*). Drought tolerant, long-blooming and virtually pest and disease-free, it has all the best qualities of the familiar variety. 'Cat's Meow,' however, has a compact habit, delivers a plethora of blooms, and stays put in a neat, mounded tuft all season long. And remember, deer and rabbits don't love this plant.

Features to Note

- For a Slope or Bank
- Beneficial for Pollinators
- Attracts Butterflies
- Deer Resistant
- Hot Dry Site Tolerant
- Attracts Hummingbirds
- Blooms for 4 Weeks or More
- OK in Containers
- Rabbit Resistant



How's your Latin these days?

Remember this little gem?

When I'm not sure about my Latin, I always consult the *American Nurseryman's Pronouncing Dictionary*. This is their 2010 edition. Put the power of perfect pronunciation in your back pocket with this handy reference guide. More than 600,000 copies of this little dictionary have been sold since its first edition! The new edition features 300 additional plant names, bringing the total number of names to more than 3,000. The type size is bigger and there is a new, easier-to-understand system of phonetic spelling. All entries include a brief description of the plant name origin, meaning, plant category or common name equivalent.

