## Bletilla striata Variegata *Chinese Ground Orchid*



Price: \$18.00

Price includes 6% MD sales tax

**Exposure** Part Shade

Height 12" - 24"

**Spread** 8" - 12"

**Spacing** 12" - 18"

**Bloom Color** Purple

**Bloom time** Late Springl

**Deer Resistant** Yes

**USDA Hardiness Zone** 5 - 9

## **Description**

Bletilla striata is a deciduous, terrestrial orchid native to China and Japan. Two opposite, iris-like, pleated leaves emerge from each pseudobulb in early spring. As the leaves emerge, the narrow flower spike arises through the center and opens a few inches above the foliage with rich pink-purple, cattleya-like flowers in groups of three to seven. The leaves are arching, broad and grass-like with creamy variegations. Very low maintenance and grows best in part shade in evenly moist, well-drained soil. All these cultivars are amazingly drought tolerant, but grow faster in moist soils. They will not tolerate heavy frost and need to be well protected with a layer of mulch.