Gold Dust Mecardonia

Mecardonia 'Gold Dust'

Height: 5 inches

Spread: 15 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Description:

A stunning accent groundcover producing volumes of brilliant yellow flowers from mid-summer until first frost; perfect for rockeries, or spilling from containers; blooms steadily through mid-summer heat

Ornamental Features

Gold Dust Mecardonia has masses of beautiful yellow round flowers held atop the stems from early summer to mid fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its small round leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Gold Dust Mecardonia is an herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cut back to the ground in late winter before active growth resumes. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Gold Dust Mecardonia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Gold Dust Mecardonia in bloom
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Gold Dust Mecardonia flowers
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Planting & Growing

Gold Dust Mecardonia will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!



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This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Gold Dust Mecardonia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.