Frank Reinelt Dudleya

Dudleya 'Frank Reinelt'



Frank Reinelt Dudleya
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Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 14 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Description:

An outstanding native succulent producing silver leaves with reddish-purple tips that blush rose-purple with winter chill; great for containers, as groundcover in dry areas, or in rock gardens

Ornamental Features

Frank Reinelt Dudleya features delicate spikes of yellow flowers rising above the foliage in mid summer. Its attractive succulent narrow leaves emerge powder blue in spring, turning silver in color with prominent red tips and tinges of purple throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Frank Reinelt Dudleya is an herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. 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 cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Frank Reinelt Dudleya is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Frank Reinelt Dudleya will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 14 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 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!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Frank Reinelt Dudleya is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.