Trailing Iceplant

Lampranthus spectabilis



Trailing Iceplant flowers
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Height: 14 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Ice Plant

Description:

A carpet forming variety with succulent, sea green tubular leaves; an explosion of flowers in hues of pink, magenta, fuchsia, and purple in late winter and early spring; great as a dry area groundcover, or rock garden feature



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Ornamental Features

Trailing Iceplant features showy double rose daisy flowers with fuchsia overtones and white eyes at the ends of the stems from late winter to early spring. Its attractive succulent narrow leaves remain bluish-green in color throughout the year. The brick red stems are very colorful and add to the overall interest of the plant.

Landscape Attributes

Trailing Iceplant is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Trailing Iceplant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Trailing Iceplant will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any 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 pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Trailing Iceplant is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its trailing 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.