Dark Star Pineapple Lily

Eucomis 'Dark Star'



Dark Star Pineapple Lily in spring
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Plant Height: 9 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6

Description:

This wonderful dwarf variety produces compact rosettes of wavy-edged deep purple leaves that develop green spots; spikes of attractive pinkish-violet flowers with burgundy tones rise up in late summer; lift in colder climates, mulch in milder ones

Ornamental Features

Dark Star Pineapple Lily features bold spikes of lightly-scented coral-pink star-shaped flowers with purple overtones from mid summer to early fall. Its sword-like leaves emerge deep purple in spring, turning burgundy in color with distinctive light green spots throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Dark Star Pineapple Lily is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Dark Star Pineapple Lily is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Dark Star Pineapple Lily will grow to be about 9 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 14 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. 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 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!

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by multiplication of the underground bulbs; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Dark Star Pineapple Lily 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 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.