Rock Jasmine

Androsace sarmentosa



Rock Jasmine flowers
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Plant Height: 3 inches

Flower Height: 4 inches

Spread: 8 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3

Description:

This alpine selection forms a mat of fuzzy green foliage creating a soft texture; produces dark violet-pink flowers with yellow centers; a nice addition to the garden or rockery

Ornamental Features

Rock Jasmine has masses of beautiful clusters of violet star-shaped flowers with pink overtones and gold eyes rising above the foliage from early to mid summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its tomentose oval leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Rock Jasmine is an herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. 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 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.

Rock Jasmine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Rock Jasmine will grow to be only 3 inches tall at maturity extending to 4 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 8 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 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 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. This species is not originally from North America.