Tip Top Aeonium

Aeonium arboreum 'Tip Top'



Tip Top Aeonium
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Height: 15 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Dwarf Tree Aeonium

Description:

A gorgeous succulent that displays lovely deep maroon rosettes with light green centers; has a full form and is a vigorous grower perfect for rock gardens, accenting, or containers

Ornamental Features

Tip Top Aeonium has clusters of yellow star-shaped flowers from mid winter to mid spring. Its attractive succulent oval compound leaves emerge lime green in spring, turning burgundy in color with showy light green variegation and tinges of deep purple the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

Tip Top Aeonium is an herbaceous evergreen 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 is a relatively low maintenance plant, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Tip Top Aeonium is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Tip Top Aeonium will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. 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 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. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.

Tip Top Aeonium 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.