Twickel Purple Stonecrop

Sedum 'Twickel Purple'



Twickel Purple Stonecrop foliage
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Plant Height: 4 inches

Flower Height: 6 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A groundcover stonecrop with white flowers held atop of green tear-shaped foliage that takes on bronze-purple tones; a drought-tolerant perennial that does best in poor soils, an excellent choice for containers, edging and rock gardens



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Ornamental Features

Twickel Purple Stonecrop is covered in stunning clusters of white flowers at the ends of the stems from early to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive tiny succulent oval leaves emerge light green in spring, turning grayish green in color with showy coppery-bronze variegation and tinges of purple the rest of the year. The gray stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Twickel Purple Stonecrop is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging 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 is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Twickel Purple Stonecrop is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Twickel Purple Stonecrop will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity extending to 6 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 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 fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 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 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 poor soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. 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.

Twickel Purple Stonecrop is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading 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.