Gold Dust Basket Of Gold

Aurinia saxatilis 'Gold Dust'



Gold Dust Basket Of Gold flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Perennial Alyssum

Description:

A mound forming variety with hairy green foliage, producing bright yellow flowers that cover the plant in mid to late spring; a dazzling display for rock gardens, beds, border fronts or atop stone walls; does not do well in high heat or humidity

Ornamental Features

Gold Dust Basket Of Gold is smothered in stunning clusters of yellow flowers at the ends of the stems from mid to late spring. Its small tomentose narrow leaves remain grayish green in color throughout the season.



Gold Dust Basket Of Gold in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

Gold Dust Basket Of Gold is a dense herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Gold Dust Basket Of Gold is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Gold Dust Basket Of Gold will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. 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 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 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 is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Gold Dust Basket Of Gold 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 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.