Pazzaz™ Bright Purple Portulaca

Portulaca oleracea 'Pazzaz Bright Purple'



Pazzaz Bright Purple Portulaca flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 8 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Spacing: 14 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Moss Rose, Purslane

Group/Class: Pazzaz Series

Description:

A beautiful heat and drought tolerant variety featuring a semi-trailing habit and intense colored blooms; succulent green foliage creates a visually stunning addition to any hanging basket, container, border or garden landscape; self cleaning plant

Ornamental Features

Pazzaz Bright Purple Portulaca features showy fuchsia cup-shaped flowers with gold eyes at the ends of the stems from late spring to early fall. Its tiny succulent oval leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Pazzaz Bright Purple Portulaca is an herbaceous perennial with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds 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.

Pazzaz Bright Purple Portulaca is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Pazzaz Bright Purple Portulaca will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 8 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 20 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 14 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 3 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 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 highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Pazzaz Bright Purple Portulaca is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its trailing 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.