Ciliatum Aeonium

Aeonium ciliatum



Ciliatum Aeonium
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Plant Height: 6 feet

Flower Height: 8 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Description:

A tall, shrubby succulent variety featuring large, plate size rosettes of gray-green leaves with reddish margins in a beautiful symmetrical form; small cream flower spikes rise well above the rosettes in summer; perfect for rock gardens, or containers

Ornamental Features

Ciliatum Aeonium has spikes of creamy white star-shaped flowers from early to late summer. Its attractive succulent oval compound leaves remain grayish green in color with distinctive brick red edges throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Ciliatum Aeonium is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

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.

Ciliatum Aeonium is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Ciliatum Aeonium will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity extending to 8 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 6 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. 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 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 species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Ciliatum Aeonium is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.