Cynthia Giddy Aloe

Aloe 'Cynthia Giddy'



Cynthia Giddy Aloe
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Plant Height: 14 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8

Description:

A medium-sized clumping selection producing numerous rosettes of lightly spotted dark green leaves that turn bronze to red in fall; erect, branching racemes of tubular orange-red flowers from spring to fall; a wonderful garden or container accent

Ornamental Features

Cynthia Giddy Aloe features dainty racemes of orange tubular flowers with red overtones rising above the foliage from late spring to late fall. Its succulent sword-like leaves remain bluish-green in color with distinctive white spots and tinges of coppery-bronze throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Cynthia Giddy Aloe is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced garden 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. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Cynthia Giddy Aloe is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Cynthia Giddy Aloe will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

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 pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. 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.

Cynthia Giddy Aloe 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. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.