Ghost Echeveria

Echeveria lilacina

Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 8 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Description:

This slow growing, often solitary variety features perfectly symmetrical rosettes of spoon shaped silver-gray leaves with a lilac to coral blush in full sun; coral flowers on reddish stems in late winter to spring; ideal for containers or rock gardens



Ghost Echeveria
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Ornamental Features

Ghost Echeveria features unusual spikes of coral-pink tubular flowers with pink overtones rising above the foliage from late winter to early spring. Its attractive succulent round leaves remain gray in color with showy lilac purple variegation and tinges of coral-pink throughout the year. The red stems can be quite attractive.



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Landscape Attributes

Ghost Echeveria is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. 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.

Ghost Echeveria is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Ghost Echeveria will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 8 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 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 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 highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Ghost Echeveria 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 and foliage against which the larger 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.