Marnier's Kalanchoe

Kalanchoe marnieriana

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 30 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Description:

A compact, shrubby succulent featuring flat, blue-green rounded leaves that are oppositely arranged, and folded toward the branch tips; foliage takes on rose hues in winter; rose pink to red flowers dangle on stalks throughout the year



Marnier's Kalanchoe flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Marnier's Kalanchoe foliage
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Ornamental Features

Marnier's Kalanchoe features showy spikes of red bell-shaped flowers with pink overtones and rose bracts rising above the foliage from mid winter to mid fall. Its attractive succulent round leaves remain bluish-green in color with showy rose variegation and tinges of silver throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Marnier's Kalanchoe is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Marnier's Kalanchoe is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



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Planting & Growing

Marnier's Kalanchoe will grow to be about 20 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 30 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 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 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 species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Marnier's Kalanchoe is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.