White Vygie

Trichodiadema mirabile



White Vygie in bloom
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Plant Height: 4 inches

Flower Height: 6 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 9

Description:

A low growing carpet-like, succulent sub-shrub with woody stems holding blue-green cylindrical leaves that are tipped with small bristles; sunny white daisy-like flowers with yellow eyes; perfect for xeriscapes, rock gardens, screes and sandy soils

Ornamental Features

White Vygie is covered in stunning fragrant white daisy flowers with yellow eyes rising above the foliage from mid spring to late summer. Its attractive small succulent oval leaves remain bluish-green in color with pointy white spines throughout the year. The brown stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

White Vygie is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. 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 is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

White Vygie is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

White Vygie will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity extending to 6 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 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 10 years. 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 species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

White Vygie is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading 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.