Little Miss Sunshine Rockrose

Cistus 'Dunnecis'

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Sunrose, Rock Rose

Description:

Clusters of pure white, saucer-shaped blooms cover the equally showy, sea-green and butter yellow variegated foliage from early summer to fall; a great groundcover or rock garden plant; tolerant of poor, dry soils, hot garden locations and salt spray



Little Miss Sunshine Rockrose flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Little Miss Sunshine Rockrose features showy white cup-shaped flowers with gold eyes at the ends of the branches from early summer to early fall. It has attractive bluish-green foliage edged in buttery yellow with hints of chartreuse. The fuzzy pointy leaves are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter.



Little Miss Sunshine Rockrose in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

Little Miss Sunshine Rockrose is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. 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.

Little Miss Sunshine Rockrose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Little Miss Sunshine Rockrose foliage
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Planting & Growing

Little Miss Sunshine Rockrose will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub 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 poor soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Little Miss Sunshine Rockrose makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use 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 thriller plants stand out. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.