Plum Crazy Volcanic Sorrel

Oxalis vulcanicola 'Plum Crazy'



Plum Crazy Volcanic Sorrel flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 8 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: False Shamrock, syn. Xanthoxalis vulcanicola

Description:

A tender perennial that creates a low, mounding mat of rusty red to plum purple shamrock-like foliage, variegated with bright pink; bright yellow flowers in spring and early summer, or year-round in mild climates; an outstanding indoor accent plant

Features & Attributes

Plum Crazy Volcanic Sorrel features dainty yellow star-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from mid to early winter. Its attractive glossy fan-shaped leaves remain burgundy in color with distinctive plum purple spots and tinges of hot pink throughout the year. The dark red stems can be quite attractive and add to the plant's interest.

This is a dense herbaceous evergreen houseplant with a mounded form. This plant may benefit from an occasional pruning to look its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Plum Crazy Volcanic Sorrel can be expected to grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. This houseplant will do well in a location that gets either direct or indirect sunlight, although it will usually require a more brightly-lit environment than what artificial indoor lighting alone can provide. It does best in average to evenly moist soil, but will not tolerate standing water. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It will benefit from a regular feeding with a general-purpose fertilizer with every second or third watering. It is not particular as to soil type or pH; an average potting soil should work just fine.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.

-- THIS IS A HOUSEPLANT AND IS NOT MEANT TO SURVIVE THE WINTER OUTDOORS IN OUR CLIMATE --