Alan's Apricot Ice Plant

Delosperma 'Alan's Apricot'

Plant Height: 1 inch

Flower Height: 2 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

An ice plant variety developed to have superior cold hardiness and a long bloom season; lovely daisy-like apricot flowers from late spring to fall; adaptable to a wide range of conditions; perfect for xeriscapes, rock gardens, screes and sandy soils

Ornamental Features

Alan's Apricot Ice Plant features showy peach daisy flowers with pink overtones and yellow eyes held atop the stems from late spring to mid fall. Its attractive small succulent narrow leaves emerge chartreuse in spring, turning green in color the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

Alan's Apricot Ice Plant 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.

Alan's Apricot Ice Plant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Alan's Apricot Ice Plant flowers
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Alan's Apricot Ice Plant in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Alan's Apricot Ice Plant will grow to be only 1 inch tall at maturity extending to 2 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 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 5 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. Like most succulents and cacti, this plant prefers to grow in poor soils and should therefore never be fertilized. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Alan's Apricot Ice Plant 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.