Turquoise Tails Blue Sedum

Sedum sediforme 'Turquoise Tails'

Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Glaucous Stonecrop, Blue Stonecrop

Description:

A compact, mound forming variety presenting whorls of outstanding, turquoise blue leaves; airy clusters of creamy yellow flowers appear in early summer; a very attractive groundcover with a fine texture; a perfect color accent for rock gardens

Ornamental Features

Turquoise Tails Blue Sedum features showy clusters of buttery yellow star-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from late spring to early summer. Its attractive tiny succulent needle-like leaves emerge silvery blue in spring, turning turquoise in color with hints of grayish green the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

Turquoise Tails Blue Sedum is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.



Turquoise Tails Blue Sedum flowers
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Turquoise Tails Blue Sedum in bloom
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This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Turquoise Tails Blue Sedum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



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Planting & Growing

Turquoise Tails Blue Sedum will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. 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 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 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. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Turquoise Tails Blue Sedum is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting 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 growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.