Baby Jump Up Mecardonia

Mecardonia procumbens



Baby Jump Up Mecardonia in bloom
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Plant Height: 4 inches

Flower Height: 6 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Spacing: 8 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Prostrate Mecardonia

Description:

A stunning accent groundcover producing volumes of brilliant yellow flowers from mid-summer until first frost; perfect for rockeries, or spilling from containers; blooms steadily through mid-summer heat

Ornamental Features

Baby Jump Up Mecardonia has masses of beautiful yellow round flowers held atop the stems from early summer to mid fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its small serrated round leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Baby Jump Up Mecardonia is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cut back to the ground in late winter before active growth resumes. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Baby Jump Up Mecardonia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Baby Jump Up Mecardonia will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity extending to 6 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 16 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 8 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 herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America.

Baby Jump Up Mecardonia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers 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.