Tri-Color Variegated Aeonium

Aeonium arboreum var. luteovariegatum



Tri-Color Variegated Aeonium
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Height: 15 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Luteovariegatum Tree Aeonium

Description:

A gorgeous succulent, distinguished by its gently wavy, green and cream leaves with pink tips; has a full form and is a vigorous grower perfect for rock gardens, accenting, or containers

Ornamental Features

Tri-Color Variegated Aeonium features showy clusters of yellow star-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from mid winter to mid spring. Its attractive succulent narrow compound leaves remain light green in color with showy creamy white variegation and tinges of pink throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Tri-Color Variegated Aeonium is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. 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.

Tri-Color Variegated Aeonium is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Tri-Color Variegated Aeonium will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. 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. 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 species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Tri-Color Variegated Aeonium 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 larger 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.