Chocolate Rose Aeonium

Aeonium 'Chocolate Rose'



Chocolate Rose Aeonium
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Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Description:

A striking deep burgundy-purple succulent with large rosettes that produce cascading off-shoots, forming colonies; grown primarily for foliage; water deeply but infrequently; its exotic form is perfect for rock gardens and containers

Ornamental Features

Chocolate Rose Aeonium is primarily valued in the garden for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It features showy clusters of yellow star-shaped flowers from early summer to early fall. Its attractive succulent oval compound leaves emerge lime green in spring, turning burgundy in color with showy deep purple variegation and tinges of black the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

Chocolate Rose 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.

Chocolate Rose Aeonium is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Chocolate Rose Aeonium will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It grows at a slow 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 type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.

Chocolate Rose Aeonium is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.