Springtime Crassula

Crassula 'Springtime'

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Description:

A slow growing variety presenting arching and falling rosettes of blue-green foliage; very drought-tolerant and does well in poor soils; clusters of shell pink and white flowers in spring; an excellent filler and spiller for containers and rock gardens

Ornamental Features

Springtime Crassula features showy clusters of creamy white star-shaped flowers with shell pink overtones and red eyes rising above the foliage in mid spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive small succulent round leaves emerge light green in spring, turning grayish green in color with hints of blue the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

Springtime Crassula is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a shapely form and gracefully arching foliage. 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 should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.



Springtime Crassula in bloom
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Springtime Crassula is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets



Springtime Crassula flowers
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Planting & Growing

Springtime Crassula will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 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 poor soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. 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.

Springtime Crassula 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 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.