Zorro Echeveria

Echeveria 'Zorro'



Zorro Echeveria
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Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 16 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Hens And Chicks

Description:

This hybrid features large, frilly rosettes of foliage that varies in color through the season from gray-brown to burgundy red; distinctive, dark pink flowers on tall stalks in spring; ideal for containers or rock gardens

Ornamental Features

Zorro Echeveria features unusual spikes of pink star-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from late winter to mid spring. Its attractive succulent round leaves emerge bluish-green in spring, turning gray in color with distinctive rose edges and tinges of burgundy the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

Zorro Echeveria is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. 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

Zorro Echeveria is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Zorro Echeveria will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 16 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 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 highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. 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.

Zorro Echeveria 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. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.