Red Pagoda Crassula

Crassula capitella 'Red Pagoda'



Red Pagoda Crassula
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Height: 6 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9

Description:

An extremely attractive and eye catching succulent that produces branches of densely stacked, triangular light green leaves with bright crimson tips; low growing with a spreading habit, ideal for groundcover, containers, rock gardens and hanging baskets

Ornamental Features

Red Pagoda Crassula features delicate clusters of white star-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems in mid summer. Its attractive succulent pointy leaves remain chartreuse in color with prominent crimson tips throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Red Pagoda Crassula is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging 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 may require the occasional pruning to look its best. 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.

Red Pagoda Crassula is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Red Pagoda Crassula will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 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 type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, 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.

Red Pagoda Crassula is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.