Shiny Stonecrop

Sedum lucidum

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 14 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9



Shiny Stonecrop in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Shiny Stonecrop flowers
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Description:

This multi-branched variety presents distinctive rosettes of glossy, apple green foliage that is edged in red when exposed to direct sun; pinkish-white star shaped flowers on ascending stalks in winter; beautiful massed along walkways or sunny borders

Ornamental Features

Shiny Stonecrop features dainty white star-shaped flowers with chartreuse eyes and pink centers at the ends of the stems from mid to late winter. Its attractive small succulent oval leaves remain light green in color with distinctive red edges and tinges of chartreuse throughout the season. The brick red stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Shiny Stonecrop is a dense herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. 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.

Shiny Stonecrop is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover



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Planting & Growing

Shiny Stonecrop will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 14 inches apart. 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 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

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 species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.