Gold Kugel Basket of Gold

Aurinia saxatilis 'Gold Kugel'



Gold Kugel Basket of Gold flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 6 inches

Spread: 15 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Goldkugel, Perennial Alyssum

Description:

Fuzzy gray leaves are covered with yellow-apricot flowers in spring; perfect for alpine, rock, wall and sloped gardens; requires good drainage

Ornamental Features

Gold Kugel Basket of Gold is draped in stunning clusters of yellow flowers at the ends of the stems from mid to late spring. Its small tomentose oval leaves remain grayish green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Gold Kugel Basket of Gold is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

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

Gold Kugel Basket of Gold is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Gold Kugel Basket of Gold will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Gold Kugel Basket of Gold is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. 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.