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Matthiola incana 'Hot Cakes Purple'



Hot Cakes Purple Stock flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 10 inches

Flower Height: 14 inches

Spread: 8 inches

Spacing: 8 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Hot Cakes Series

Description:

A uniform, dwarf variety producing low spikes of highly fragrant, purple double flowers in late spring; well branched, mounded upright habit; prefers cool weather conditions; great performance in garden beds and landscapes; deadhead to promote blooms

Ornamental Features

Hot Cakes Purple Stock features showy spikes of fragrant double purple flowers rising above the foliage from late spring to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its oval leaves remain grayish green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Hot Cakes Purple Stock is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading 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 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.

Hot Cakes Purple Stock is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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Planting & Growing

Hot Cakes Purple Stock will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity extending to 14 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 8 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 8 inches apart. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Hot Cakes Purple Stock is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger 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.