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Crinkle-leaf Plant

Adromischus cristatus



Crinkle-leaf Plant foliage
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Plant Height: 5 inches

Flower Height: 14 inches

Spread: 6 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 10

Other Names: Key Lime Pie, Ravioli Plant, Cotyledon cristatus

Description:

An interesting succulent presenting a rosette of thick, wedge shaped, blue-green leaves with wavy edges; short foliage hairs gives a silvery sheen; white tubular flowers on tall stalks in spring; an excellent container plant; protect from frost

Ornamental Features

Crinkle-leaf Plant's attractive succulent fan-shaped leaves emerge lime green in spring, turning bluish-green in color with hints of silver the rest of the year on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. It features dainty spikes of white tubular flowers rising above the foliage from late winter to mid spring.

Landscape Attributes

Crinkle-leaf Plant is an herbaceous evergreen perennial 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 should never be pruned except to remove any dieback, as it tends not to take pruning well. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Crinkle-leaf Plant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Crinkle-leaf Plant will grow to be only 5 inches tall at maturity extending to 14 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 6 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 20 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. 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. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Crinkle-leaf Plant 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 and foliage 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. Be aware that in our climate, this plant may be too tender to survive the winter if left outdoors in a container. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.