Mexican Fire Cracker

Echeveria setosa

Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 8 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Other Names: Mexican Firecracker

Description:

This variety is very drought tolerant, producing rosettes of spoon shaped foliage that is gray-green, and covered with silvery fuzz; distinctive red and yellow flowers on arching cymes in spring; ideal for containers in bright indoor areas

Features & Attributes

Mexican Fire Cracker features unusual spikes of red tubular flowers with yellow tips rising above the foliage from mid spring to early summer. Its attractive succulent oval leaves emerge grayish green, turning silver in color throughout the year.

This is a dense herbaceous evergreen houseplant with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other indoor plants with less refined foliage. This plant should not require much pruning, except when necessary to keep it looking its best.



Mexican Fire Cracker
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Mexican Fire Cracker flowers
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Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Mexican Fire Cracker can be expected to grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 8 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years. This houseplant will do well in a location that gets either direct or indirect sunlight, although it will usually require a more brightly-lit environment than what artificial indoor lighting alone can provide. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and may die if left in standing water for any length of time. This plant should be watered when the surface of the soil gets dry, and will need watering approximately once each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soil. Contact the store for specific recommendations on pre-mixed potting soil for this plant.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.