Shark's Tooth Crassula

Crassula capitella 'Shark's Tooth'



Shark's Tooth Crassula foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 6 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9b

Other Names: Red Pagoda Crassula

Description:

An extremely attractive and eye catching succulent that produces branches of densely stacked, triangular light green leaves with bright crimson tips; low growing with a spreading habit, ideal for groundcover, containers, rock gardens and hanging baskets

Features & Attributes

Shark's Tooth Crassula features delicate clusters of white star-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems in mid summer. Its attractive succulent pointy leaves remain chartreuse in color with prominent crimson tips throughout the year.

This is an herbaceous evergreen houseplant with a spreading, ground-hugging habit of growth. This plant may benefit from an occasional pruning to look its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Shark's Tooth Crassula can be expected to grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 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 type or pH; an average potting soil should work just fine. Be warned that parts of this plant are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so special care should be exercised if growing it around children and pets.

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.