Plum Petals Aeonium

Aeonium 'Plum Petals'



Plum Petals Aeonium
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Height: 4 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 10a

Description:

An upright succulent shrub presenting large rosettes of plum-purple leaves in a beautiful symmetrical form; yellow flower spikes above the rosettes in summer; rosettes die back after flowering

Ornamental Features

Plum Petals Aeonium features showy spikes of yellow star-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from early to late summer. It has attractive deep purple-variegated plum purple foliage which emerges light green in spring. The large succulent oval compound leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Plum Petals Aeonium is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Plum Petals Aeonium is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Plum Petals Aeonium will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in 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 does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Plum Petals Aeonium makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.