Red Stem Crassula

Crassula rubricaulis



Red Stem Crassula foliage
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Height: 20 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9b

Other Names: Red-stemmed Crassula

Description:

A lovely, small multi-branched shrub with attractive green foliage, usually edged with bright red, becoming fully deep red in full sun; white flower clusters appear in summer; a wonderful choice for containers in bright indoor areas

Features & Attributes

Red Stem Crassula features showy clusters of white star-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches from early to mid summer. Its attractive small succulent pointy leaves remain green in color with prominent dark red tips and tinges of purple throughout the year. The red stems are very effective and add to the plant's interest.

This is a multi-stemmed evergreen houseplant with an upright spreading habit of growth. This plant can be pruned at any time to keep it looking its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Red Stem Crassula can be expected to grow to be about 20 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 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. Like most succulents and cacti, it prefers to grow in poor soils and should therefore never be fertilized. 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.