Arrow Mexican Fire Cracker

Echeveria setosa 'Arrow'



Arrow Mexican Fire Cracker foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 4 inches

Flower Height: 10 inches

Spread: 5 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 10a

Other Names: Arrow Echeveria

Description:

This variety is very drought tolerant, producing rosettes of long, narrow, green foliage covered with silvery fuzz; develops striking red tips in bright sun; distinctive red flowers on arching cymes in spring; ideal for indoor containers in bright areas

Features & Attributes

Arrow Mexican Fire Cracker features unusual spikes of red tubular flowers with yellow tips rising above the foliage from early to late spring. Its attractive succulent narrow leaves remain green in color with prominent red tips and tinges of silver 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.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Arrow Mexican Fire Cracker can be expected to grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity extending to 10 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 5 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years. This houseplant requires direct sun for optimal performance, and should therefore be situated in a room that gets bright sunlight for a good part of the day; it is not a good choice for rooms lit only by artificial light. 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 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.