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Variegated Carpet Sedum

Sedum lineare 'Variegatum'



Variegated Carpet Sedum foliage
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Height: 4 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 15 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: Needle Stonecrop, Variegated Stonecrop

Description:

Narrow light green leaves with striking white edges greet the eye with this lovely groundcover; excellent for rock gardens and containers; rarely, if ever flowers but is quite impressive if it does; not as cold hardy as most sedums

Ornamental Features

Variegated Carpet Sedum is bathed in stunning yellow star-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid summer. Its attractive succulent narrow leaves remain light green in color with distinctive white edges throughout the year.



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Landscape Attributes

Variegated Carpet Sedum is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. 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.

Variegated Carpet Sedum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Variegated Carpet Sedum will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 15 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant 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. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.