Kiwi Aeonium

Aeonium 'Kiwi'

Plant Height: 8 inches

Flower Height: 18 inches

Spread: 6 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Kiwi Verde Aeonium

Description:

A dazzling hybrid variety presenting a kaleidoscope of greens, oranges, and pinks, setting it apart from other varieties; pale yellow flowers in summer; has a beautiful symmetrical form, perfect for rock gardens, accenting, or containers

Ornamental Features

Kiwi Aeonium has clusters of buttery yellow star-shaped flowers with white overtones in mid summer, which emerge from distinctive shell pink flower buds. Its attractive succulent oval compound leaves emerge chartreuse in spring, turning lime green in color with distinctive hot pink edges and tinges of orange throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Kiwi Aeonium is an herbaceous annual 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 is a relatively low maintenance plant, 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.



Kiwi Aeonium foliage
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Kiwi Aeonium flowers
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Kiwi Aeonium is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Kiwi Aeonium will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 18 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 6 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.



Kiwi Aeonium in bloom
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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 type or pH. 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.

Kiwi Aeonium is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.