Variegated String Of Pearls

Senecio rowleyanus 'Variegata'



Variegated String Of Pearls foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 2 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Variegated String Of Beads

Description:

An stunning and unusual trailing succulent with spherical green foliage, swirled with cream, pinks and purples; a dramatic accent spilling over rock gardens, the edges of containers or hanging baskets; slow growing in comparison to non-variegated variety

Ornamental Features

Variegated String Of Pearls' attractive succulent round leaves remain green in color with showy creamy white variegation and tinges of rose throughout the year on a plant with a trailing habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

Variegated String Of Pearls is an herbaceous annual with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Variegated String Of Pearls is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Variegated String Of Pearls will grow to be only 2 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. 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.

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. Like most succulents and cacti, this plant prefers to grow in poor soils and should therefore never be fertilized. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Variegated String Of Pearls is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its trailing 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.