Purple Iceplant

Lampranthus productus



Purple Iceplant flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 14 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Ice Plant

Description:

A carpet forming variety with succulent, powder blue tubular leaves; a stunning explosion of purple daisy flowers in late winter and early spring; great as a dry area groundcover, or rock garden feature

Ornamental Features

Purple Iceplant features showy purple daisy flowers with white eyes at the ends of the stems from late winter to early spring. Its attractive succulent narrow leaves remain powder blue in color throughout the year. The brick red stems are very colorful and add to the overall interest of the plant.

Landscape Attributes

Purple Iceplant is an herbaceous annual with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Purple Iceplant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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Planting & Growing

Purple Iceplant will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any 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 sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Purple Iceplant is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. 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.