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Corsican Sandwort

Arenaria balearica

Height: 2 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

An interesting little alpine or rock garden plant which forms a low evergreen cushion of dark green foliage; bears loads of tiny white flowers on short stems in late spring; great for edging paths, between flagstones, or in the rock garden

Ornamental Features

Corsican Sandwort is bathed in stunning white cup-shaped flowers with chartreuse eyes held atop the stems from late spring to early summer, which emerge from distinctive brick red flower buds. Its tiny oval leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year. The fruit is not ornamentally significant. The brick red stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Corsican Sandwort 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 is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Corsican Sandwort is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Corsican Sandwort flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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Planting & Growing

Corsican Sandwort will grow to be only 2 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years.

This plant should be grown in a location that is shaded from the hot afternoon sun. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

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