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Pinwheel

Aeonium haworthii

Height: 26 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Haworth's Aeonium

Description:

A visually pleasing succulent shrub, presenting thick, sea green leaves with thin red edging; creamy yellow flowers in spring; has a beautiful symmetrical form, perfect for rock gardens, accenting, or containers

Ornamental Features

Pinwheel has clusters of buttery yellow star-shaped flowers with creamy white overtones held atop the branches from late spring to mid summer. Its attractive succulent oval compound leaves remain bluish-green in color with distinctive red edges throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Pinwheel is a multi-stemmed annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

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.

Pinwheel is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Pinwheel foliage
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Planting & Growing

Pinwheel will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. 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 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 species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Pinwheel is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.