

Botanical Name: Kalanchoe pumila

Common Name: Flour dust plant; Pink kalanchoe

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Crassulaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape trailing, spreading succulent with dusty-gray leaves and pink flowers held above the foliage

Height to 8" Spread to 1 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial shade to full sun

Soil prefers a well-drained soil; sandy, well-drained soil mix

Hardiness tender (zones 17, 18, 21-24)

Morphology:

Leaves obovate to oblanceolate, to 1-1/2" long, 3/4" across; outer margins strongly crenate; leaves are grayish pink - turning purplish in cold

Flowers terminal cymes of a few pink to lilac flowers 1/2" across; blooms in winter to early spring

Fruit tiny capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings any time

Usage: excellent container plant grown for flowers and foliage; good in succulent areas as a tumbling groundcover

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average water; not especially drought tolerant in pots; use in well-drained soils where roots can dry between waterings

Fertilizing slow-release in spring

Pruning pinch back after blooming to induce bushiness

Pests/Diseases root rot where drainage is poor

Other _____

Origin: Madagascar