

Botanical Name: Crassula falcata

Common Name: Propellor plant

Type of Plant: dicot: succulent Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an irregularly-shaped, open succulent perennial, with spreading-trailing branches forming a loose, mounded canopy

Height 2' - 3' Spread 3' - 6' Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers full sun; tolerates partial shade in well-drained sites

Soil tolerates most soils that have good drainage

Hardiness hardy (zones 8,9,14-24): best for warm coastal climates

Morphology:

Leaves gray-green, sickle shaped, fleshy, 3"-5", overlapping in two rows along the stem

Flowers scarlet red, in dense flattened clusters above the foliage; summer months

Fruit if present, a tiny capsule

Propagation: succulent cuttings

Usage: a striking 'visual contrast' plant for its unusual foliage and overall shape - good for a low filler in Mediterranean and sub-tropical theme gardens; excellent as a container plant

Landscape Care:

Watering requires little after establishment - best if watered occasionally (14-20 days) during hot months

Fertilizing none required

Pruning none except to control overall size

Pests/Diseases relatively free; root-rot in badly draining soils

Special Conditions

Origin: South Africa Family: Crassulaceae