

Botanical Name: Sedum telephium 'Autumn Joy'

Common Name: Autumn Joy sedum

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright succulent sub-shrub with fleshy foliage and thick stems; large flower clusters held above foliage

Height to 2 ft. Spread to 2 ft. Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure in/outdoor full sun preferred; tolerates partial shade

Soil needs a well-drained soil

Hardiness hardy (all zones)

Morphology:

Leaves elliptical, bluish green, oppositely arranged, coarsely dentate, to 3" long, 1" wide, densely set on stems

Flowers panicles of pinkish purple flowers forming dome-like clusters to 6" in diameter; fall bloom

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: seed, stem cuttings

Usage: used for late summer or fall color, in containers, raised beds, in mass plantings, mixed with other succulents, good in rock gardens, and dry landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average watering, tolerates some drought

Fertilizing balanced, slow-release at planting time

Pruning flower stalks can be removed after blooming season

Pests/Diseases root rot in poorly drained areas; snails and slugs

Special Conditions flower stalks are decorative long after bloom has passed

Origin:      Western Europe      Family:      Crassulaceae