

Botanical Name: Aeonium arboreum

Common Name: Aeonium

Type of Plant: dicot: succulent Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, multi-branched succulent plant with wide, fleshy rosettes at branch tips; varieties often show distinctive dark colors on leaves and stems

Height 2' - 3' Spread 1 to 2' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil prefers well-aerated sandy soils

Hardiness some frost (zones 15-17, 20-24)

Morphology:

Leaves leaves orbiculate, 1/2 to 3/4" wide, arranged in terminal rosettes 3-6" across; several named varieties are purple or red tinted

Flowers yellow, bisexual, 1/2" diameter, in open panicle cymes; April - June

Fruit tiny fleshy capsules

Propagation: softwood (succulent) stem cuttings or seed

Usage: a distinctive small accent shrub, valued for its unusual form and showy leaf rosettes; excellent as a container plant; mixes well with other succulents and drought tolerant plants

Landscape Care:

Watering an infrequent deep soak - allow the soil to dry out between irrigations

Fertilizing slow-release or organic fertilizer only

Pruning head back tall, lanky stems, remove spent flowers after blooming

Pests/Diseases root-rot, stem rot in wet poorly drained soils; snails and slugs feed on the fleshy leaves

Special Conditions _____

Origin: Morocco Family: Crassulaceae