




Ascot Rainbow Variegated Spurge

Euphorbia 'Ascot Rainbow'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight:  

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Other Names: Variegated Euphorbia

Description:

This plant has distinct variegated flowers and foliage, narrow leaves of blue-green with yellow margins displays stunning crimson overtones in the cooler months; highly tolerant of heat and dryness and virtually maintenance free

Ornamental Features

Ascot Rainbow Variegated Spurge's attractive narrow leaves are bluish-green in color with distinctive yellow edges on a plant with a mounded habit of growth. The foliage often turns crimson in fall. It has masses of beautiful clusters of red flowers with chartreuse bracts held atop the stems in early spring, which are most effective when planted in groupings.

Landscape Attributes

Ascot Rainbow Variegated Spurge is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. 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.



Ascot Rainbow Variegated Spurge foliage

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Ascot Rainbow Variegated Spurge flowers

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Ascot Rainbow Variegated Spurge is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Ascot Rainbow Variegated Spurge will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 8 years. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any 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 pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Ascot Rainbow Variegated Spurge is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used 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. Be aware that in our climate, this plant may be too tender to survive the winter if left outdoors in a container. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.



*Ascot Rainbow Variegated Spurge
foliage*

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