## Wilson's Lifestyle Centre

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### **Touran Scarlet Saxifrage**



### Touran™ Scarlet Saxifrage Saxifraga x arendsii 'Touran Scarlet'

Plant Height: 6 inches
Flower Height: 8 inches

Spread: 12 inches
Spacing: 10 inches
Sunlight: 0 0

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Mossy Saxifrage, Rockrose

Group/Class: Touran Series

#### **Description:**

An easy care variety that is covered with vivid scarlet flowers that fade to pink in spring to early summer; looks great cascading over walls, or as a rock garden accent; this hybrid is also good in the garden with plenty of humus that wont dry out



Touran Scarlet Saxifrage flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

#### **Ornamental Features**

Touran Scarlet Saxifrage features tiny scarlet star-shaped flowers with chartreuse eyes at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early summer. Its needle-like leaves remain emerald green in colour throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Touran Scarlet Saxifrage is an herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Touran Scarlet Saxifrage is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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#### **Planting & Growing**

Touran Scarlet Saxifrage will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 8 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Touran Scarlet Saxifrage is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. 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, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.