Green Pinwheel

Aeonium decorum

Green Pinwheel
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Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 18 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A multi-branching succulent shrub, presenting a low, dense mound of thick, green leaves, occasionally tinged red on the margins; pale pink flowers in summer; has a beautiful symmetrical form, perfect for rock gardens, accenting, or containers

Ornamental Features

Green Pinwheel has clusters of shell pink star-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from late spring to mid summer. Its attractive succulent oval compound leaves remain green in color with distinctive red edges throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Green Pinwheel is a multi-stemmed annual with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. 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.

Green Pinwheel is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Green Pinwheel will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 18 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in 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 type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Green Pinwheel is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.