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Dyckia Fosteriana

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Dyckia Fosteriana
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Description:

Deep green spiny leaves are tinged with a contrasting metallic-bronze cast, that intensifies in bright sunlight; interesting orange-yellow flowers rise in late spring, and are attractive to butterflies; requires little irrigation

Ornamental Features

Dyckia Fosteriana has spikes of orange tubular flowers with yellow overtones rising above the foliage from mid to late spring, which are interesting on close inspection. Its attractive succulent spiny leaves remain dark green in colour with curious white undersides and tinges of coppery-bronze throughout the year.



Dyckia Fosteriana in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Dyckia Fosteriana is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. 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 never be pruned except to remove any dieback, as it tends not to take pruning well. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Dyckia Fosteriana is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Dyckia Fosteriana will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 14 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen 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 type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Dyckia Fosteriana 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.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.