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### **Rustico Orange Avens**



Rustico™ Orange Avens Geum 'TNGEURO'

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Chilean Avens

Group/Class: Rustico™ Series

#### **Description:**

Long-lived, with a mounded, compact habit, presenting a multitude of red-orange flowers throughout the summer over large, attractive dark green foliage; stunning in borders, perennial beds, and containers

#### **Ornamental Features**

Rustico Orange Avens has masses of beautiful orange frilly flowers with red overtones at the ends of the stems from late spring to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its large tomentose lobed leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season. The burgundy stems can be quite attractive.

#### Landscape Attributes

Rustico Orange Avens is an herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.



Rustico Orange Avens in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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Rustico Orange Avens is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

#### **Planting & Growing**

Rustico Orange Avens will grow to be about 9 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 3 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!



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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 not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. 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.

Rustico Orange Avens 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 against which the larger 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.