Kaleidoscope Mangave

Mangave 'Kaleidoscope'



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Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 8a

Other Names: Manfreda x Agave

Group/Class: Mad About Mangave Collection

Description:

This stunning selection produces a rosette of long, lance-shaped, deep green leaves with creamy yellow margins and red spotting; grown primarily for foliage; a great low-maintenance patio plant; must have good drainage

Ornamental Features

Kaleidoscope Mangave is primarily valued in the garden for its cascading habit of growth. Its attractive spiny sword-like leaves remain dark green in color with distinctive yellow edges and tinges of red throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Kaleidoscope Mangave is an herbaceous perennial with a shapely form and gracefully arching foliage. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Kaleidoscope Mangave is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Kaleidoscope Mangave will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It grows at a fast 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Kaleidoscope Mangave is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. 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.