East Bay Nursery

Iron Cross Good Luck Plant

Oxalis tetraphylla 'Iron Cross'



Iron Cross Good Luck Plant foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 8 inches

Spread: 6 inches

Spacing: 5 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7a

Other Names: Wood Sorrel, syn. Oxalis deppei

Description:

A stunning plant, forming a mound of lush green leaves with plum purple blotches at their base; leaves retract and fold up at night; trumpet shaped rose-pink flowers appear from early summer until frost; a colorful indoor accent plant

Features & Attributes

Iron Cross Good Luck Plant features dainty rose trumpet-shaped flowers with creamy white throats and yellow anthers along the stems from early summer to mid fall. Its attractive large heart-shaped compound leaves remain bluish-green in color with distinctive plum purple spots and tinges of burgundy throughout the year.

This is a dense herbaceous houseplant with a mounded form. This plant may benefit from an occasional pruning to look its best.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Iron Cross Good Luck Plant can be expected to grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 8 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 6 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. This houseplant will do well in a location that gets either direct or indirect sunlight, although it will usually require a more brightly-lit environment than what artificial indoor lighting alone can provide. It does best in average to evenly moist soil, but will not tolerate standing water. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It will benefit from a regular feeding with a general-purpose fertilizer with every second or third watering. It is not particular as to soil type or pH; an average potting soil should work just fine. Be warned that parts of this plant are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so special care should be exercised if growing it around children and pets.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.