HANA GARDENS

Topsy Turvy Echeveria

Echeveria runyonii 'Topsy Turvy'



Topsy Turvy Echeveria
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 14 inches

Spread: 8 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9b

Other Names: Hens and Chicks

Description:

This variety is very drought tolerant, producing rosettes of spoon shaped foliage that is blue-gray with silver highlights; distinctive yellow and orange flowers on tall bracts in late summer or early fall; ideal for containers indoors or out



Topsy Turvy Echeveria flowers
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Ornamental Features

Topsy Turvy Echeveria features unusual bracted orange tubular flowers with yellow overtones rising above the foliage from late summer to early fall. Its attractive succulent oval leaves remain powder blue in color with hints of silver throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Topsy Turvy Echeveria is a dense herbaceous evergreen 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 plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. 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;

- Spreading

Topsy Turvy Echeveria is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Topsy Turvy Echeveria in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Topsy Turvy Echeveria will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 14 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 8 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 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 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 pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.

Topsy Turvy Echeveria 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 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.