

VARIEGATED LAVENDER SCALLOPS

Kalanchoe fedtschenkoi 'Variegata'



Characteristic

- Type: Succulent
- Origin: Madagascar
- Evergreen: Yes
- Variegated Foliage: Yes
- Flower Color: Red Brown
- Blooms: Spring/Summer
- Height: 1-2 feet
- Width: 1-2 feet
- Exposure: Cool Sun/Light Shade
- Irrigation: Medium
- Water Needs Summer Dry: Yes
- Winter Hardiness: 25-30° F

Culture

Kalanchoe care is minimal but be cautious about light levels. Strong southern light can burn the tips of the leaves. Place pots in partial sun to light shade areas when growing *Kalachoe* plants. The flowering varieties are highly rewarding for their colorful and long-lasting flowers. They prefer bright, sunny locations, especially in the summer growing season. During the winter, consider a south-facing window. Water moderately throughout the summer and reduce watering in the winter. Let the soil surface dry out between waterings, and in the winter, the plant can almost dry out. They prefer warmth. Do not let temperature fall below 55°F (12.7°C). Feed bi-weekly in the summer with a liquid fertilizer, or use slow-release pellets. These small plants require repotting every few years. When re-potting, take additional care in handling as the leaves are somewhat brittle and can snap easily. Clay pots work exceptionally well for planting *Kalanchoes*. Ensure pots can drain well, and saucers can empty easily

Noteworthy Characteristics

Kalanchoe fedtschenkoi 'Variegata' (Variegated Lavender Scallops) is a small shrubby succulent that grows to 1 to 2 feet tall with stems that spread out and root along the ground to form large colonies with thick and fleshy lavender gray-green leaves with a cream colored variegation along the scalloped leaf margins. In late spring to early summer appear the $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long bell-shaped reddish-brown colored flowers that hang in loose clusters from upright stems. Plant in full coastal sun to part shade or in bright light indoors in a well-drained soil. Irrigate regularly to occasionally from spring to fall but needs no supplemental water during winter.

Problems

Watch the fleshy leaves for signs of water distress.

Garden Uses

A great plant in a pot or used as a drought resistant groundcover or focal plant in a succulent or rock garden