

ICE PLANT 'JEWEL OF DESERT GARNET'[®]

Delosperma 'Jewel of Desert Garnet'

Note: Patented Plant PP#23,471: Propagation Restrictions Apply



Characteristics

- Type: Perennial
- Zone: 5-9
- Height: 4-6 Inches
- Width: 8-10 Inches
- Bloom Time: Spring through frost
- Bloom Description: Red
- Sun: Full sun
- Water: Low, once established
- Maintenance: Medium
- Leaf: Green, succulent
- Tolerate: Rabbit, Deer, Drought, Dry Soil, Shallow-Rocky Soil
- Soil: Thrives in sandy, gravelly areas
- Attracts: Butterflies, Hummingbirds

Culture

Enjoy three seasons of neon-bright color from this hardy, sun-loving succulent. Exceptionally drought, heat and humidity tolerant. Forms a lush, evergreen, showy flowering, ground hugging mat, that is good for mass planting and erosion control in lean, poor soils. Non-invasive. Great container or rock garden accent. Best grown in dry, sharply-drained soils in full sun. This plant will grow poorly or die in any soil that is not well-drained. Avoid un-amended clay soils. Tolerates average to lean soils including sandy and gravelly ones. Water sparingly during the growing season. Plants have good tolerance for heat and drought.

Noteworthy Characteristics

Delosperma cooperi, commonly called ice plant, is native to South Africa. It typically forms a vigorous, succulent, spreading, evergreen ground cover in warm winter areas of the United States. Jewel of Desert *Delosperma* represents a new generation of Hardy Ice plant with shimmering blooms from late spring thru frost. Jellybean type leaves form a tight growing evergreen mound that's as tough as leather and takes on foot traffic. Dense habit stays attractive all season long. Difficult for weeds to grow thru. *Delosperma Jewel of the Desert Garnet[®]* is dwarf hybrid Ice plant with a profusion of eye catching, dime sized daisy-like flowers of scarlet and lavender that sparkle generously in high heat!

Specific epithet honors English gardener Thomas Cooper (1815-1913) who collected plants in South Africa from 1859-1862. Foliage is covered with transparent flakes that somewhat resemble tiny pieces of ice, hence the common name.

Problems

No serious insect or disease problems. Trouble-free & durable. Unyielding. Sparkling blooms thrive in heat, drought and humidity.

Garden Uses

Showy Flowering Groundcover, Border, Coastal Exposure, Container, Erosion Control, Firescaping/Fire Wise, Mass Planting, Poolside, Rock Garden