Desert Dragon Mangave

Mangave 'Desert Dragon'



Desert Dragon Mangave
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Height: 7 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 9a

Other Names: Manfreda x Agave

Group/Class: Mad About Mangave Collection

Description:

This interesting selection produces a low growing rosette of narrow, wavy, mint-green leaves, with dark purple spots and silvery highlights; grown primarily for foliage; a great low-maintenance patio container plant; must have good drainage

Ornamental Features

Desert Dragon Mangave is primarily valued in the garden for its cascading habit of growth. Its attractive twisted narrow leaves remain lime green in color with distinctive deep purple spots and tinges of silver throughout the season.



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Landscape Attributes

Desert Dragon 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Desert Dragon Mangave is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Desert Dragon Mangave will grow to be about 7 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. 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.

Desert Dragon Mangave 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 canvas of foliage against which the 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.