Tasmanian Tiger Evergreen Spurge

Euphorbia characias 'Tasmanian Tiger'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Description:

Truly one of the most striking variegated perennials; upright stems are clothed with powder blue foliage symmetrically arranged, with striking white edges; it really lights up the garden or border edgings; also great for rock gardens

Ornamental Features

Tasmanian Tiger Evergreen Spurge is primarily valued in the garden for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It has masses of beautiful cymes of chartreuse flowers with white edges at the ends of the stems from early to mid summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its attractive narrow leaves remain powder blue in color with distinctive white edges throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Tasmanian Tiger Evergreen Spurge is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. 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.

Tasmanian Tiger Evergreen Spurge is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Tasmanian Tiger Evergreen Spurge flowers
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Tasmanian Tiger Evergreen Spurge foliage
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Planting & Growing

Tasmanian Tiger Evergreen Spurge will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 8 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

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 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, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.