FAMILY TREE NURSERY

Ihi Portulaca

Portulaca molokiniensis

Plant Height: 8 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 14 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Molokini Portulaca

Description:

This interesting native succulent of Hawaii forms a small shrub of upright, thick, corky stems, producing pale green, rounded leaves, arranged in rows; rising stems bear clusters of yellow flowers above the rosettes; allow to dry out after watering

Ornamental Features

Ihi Portulaca features showy clusters of yellow cup-shaped flowers at the ends of the branches from late winter to early winter. Its attractive small succulent round leaves remain light green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Ihi Portulaca is a multi-stemmed annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Ihi Portulaca is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Ihi Portulaca foliage
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Overland Park, KS 66212
913.642.6503

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Shawnee, KS 66203
913.631.6121

830 W Liberty Dr.
Liberty, MO 64068
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- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Ihi Portulaca will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 14 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

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, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings.

Ihi Portulaca is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. 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.