



Variegated Jade Plant
Crassula ovata 'Variegata'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Money Plant, Dollar Plant

Description:

An elegantly branched shrub with attractive green foliage striped in ivory and pale yellow; pinkish-white flower clusters in late winter; very slow growing; an excellent choice for containers and rock gardens



Variegated Jade Plant
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Ornamental Features

Variegated Jade Plant features showy clusters of white star-shaped flowers with pink overtones at the ends of the stems from late winter to early spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive succulent round leaves remain green in color with prominent white stripes and tinges of buttery yellow throughout the year. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

Variegated Jade Plant is an herbaceous annual 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 can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Variegated Jade Plant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Planting & Growing

Variegated Jade Plant will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. This slow-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. 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 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 division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Variegated Jade Plant is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.