

# Hardy Ice Plant

## *Delosperma cooperi*

Hardy Ice Plant, also known as 'Jewel of Desert Peridot', forms a low maintenance carpet of soft, fleshy green leaves covered with purplish-pink, daisy-like flowers over a long blooming season. It flourishes in dry, sandy soil in full sun and is perfect for the xeriscape landscape, rock walls or containers. It is evergreen in our warmer winter climate but may have trouble returning after a wet winter. Avoid heavy soils and drainage. It is tolerant of heat, moderately salt-tolerant and very drought tolerant. Occasionally damaged by deer.

**Type:** Succulent perennial

**USDA hardiness zones:** 6a through 10a

**Uses:** ground cover

**Origin:** Southern Africa

**Height:** 3 to 6 inches

**Spread:** 12 to 24 inches

**Plant spacing:** 16 to 24 inches

**Light requirement:** full sun

**Soil tolerances:** sand; loam; neutral pH

**Drought tolerance:** high

**Soil salt tolerances:** moderate

**Invasive potential:** fast spreading plant

**Pest resistance:** no serious pests or diseases which can affect plant health or aesthetics

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