

Stonecrop

Sedum sp. 'Purple Emperor'

'Purple Emperor' is a hybrid perennial sedum that typically grows in upright to slightly spreading clumps up to 18 inches tall. Masses of tiny, star-like pinkish-purple flowers bloom in large flattened heads 3 to 6 inches across on stems with dark purple, fleshy, succulent leaves. It has a long mid-summer to early fall bloom. This sedum prefers poor soil. In rich soil the plants tend to become leggy. While the plant does well in full sun, morning or afternoon shade is desirable as well. The flowers are attractive to butterflies and bees.

Type: herbaceous perennial

USDA hardiness zones: 5 through 9

Uses: cut flowers; dried flowers; border; edging;
mass planting; container

Origin: not native to Florida

Height: 12 to 18 inches **Spread:** 12 to 18 inches

Plant spacing: 15 inches

Light requirement: full sun

Soil tolerances: acidic; alkaline; sand; loam; clay

Drought tolerance: moderate

Soil salt tolerances: moderate

Invasive potential: not known to be invasive

Pest resistance: no serious pests or diseases are normally seen on the plant

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