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Raven® ZZ Plant

Zamioculcas zamiifolia 'Dowon'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Eternity Plant

Description:

A popular foliage plant that has proved to be durable for indoor spaces, handling low light, drought; emerging bright green oval leaves arranged in pairs along the stems, mature quickly to black; perfect contrast for seasonal beds or containers as well

Ornamental Features

Raven ZZ Plant's attractive glossy oval pinnately compound leaves emerge light green in spring, turning black in color the rest of the year on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

Raven ZZ 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 has no significant negative characteristics.

Raven ZZ Plant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Raven ZZ Plant foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Raven ZZ Plant in full
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Planting & Growing

Raven ZZ Plant will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. Although it's not a true annual, this slow-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 does best in partial shade to 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. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. 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.

Raven ZZ 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.