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# Maruba Benitsukasa Painted Echeveria

***Echeveria nodulosa 'Maruba Benitsukasa'***



*Maruba Benitsukasa Painted Echeveria foliage*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Plant Height: 5 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 5 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 10a

Other Names: Hens And Chicks, syn. Benitsukasa Echeveria

**Description:**

This variety produces rosettes of spoon shaped foliage that is olive green, with vivid red variegation that turns burgundy in full sun; foliage features unusual nodules on surface; rose-red flowers in spring; ideal for patio containers or rock gardens

**Ornamental Features**

Maruba Benitsukasa Painted Echeveria features unusual bracted rose tubular flowers with red overtones and yellow tips rising above the foliage from late spring to mid summer. Its attractive small succulent oval leaves remain olive green in color with showy red variegation and tinges of burgundy throughout the year.

**Landscape Attributes**

Maruba Benitsukasa Painted Echeveria is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Maruba Benitsukasa Painted Echeveria is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

**Planting & Growing**

Maruba Benitsukasa Painted Echeveria will grow to be only 5 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 5 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

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. Like most succulents and cacti, this plant prefers to grow in poor soils and should therefore never be fertilized. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. 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. 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.

Maruba Benitsukasa Painted Echeveria is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. 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. Be aware that in our climate, this plant may be too tender to survive the winter if left outdoors in a container. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.