Aubrieta, Rockcress Axcent Lilac Improved

Aubrieta 'Axcent Lilac'



Aubrieta, Rockcress Axcent Lilac Improved flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 4 inches

Flower Height: 6 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: False Rockcress

Group/Class: Axcent Series

Description:

This stunning alpine variety produces beautiful cascades of dainty lilac flowers in springtime; for the rest of the season it is an attractive dense green mat adding tremendous interest to the rock garden or border edges

Ornamental Features

Aubrieta, Rockcress Axcent Lilac Improved is smothered in stunning lilac purple cup-shaped flowers with purple overtones and yellow eyes at the ends of the stems from mid to late spring. Its small round leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Aubrieta, Rockcress Axcent Lilac Improved is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Aubrieta, Rockcress Axcent Lilac Improved is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- Groundcover

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Planting & Growing

Aubrieta, Rockcress Axcent Lilac Improved will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity extending to 6 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 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 to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.