Fire Dragon Rock Rose

Helianthemum 'Fire Dragon'



Fire Dragon Rock Rose flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 8 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 15 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

A charming variety for the rock garden, gravel scree, alpine trough, or as edging along a sunny walkway; spectacular orange yellow-eyed flowers appear in late spring through mid summer; lightly shear after blooming; must have good drainage



Fire Dragon Rock Rose in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Fire Dragon Rock Rose is blanketed in stunning orange cup-shaped flowers with yellow eyes at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid summer. Its narrow leaves remain grayish green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Fire Dragon Rock Rose is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a mounded form. 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 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.

Fire Dragon Rock Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Fire Dragon Rock Rose will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 8 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 15 inches apart. 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 7 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in poor soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. 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.

Fire Dragon Rock Rose 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 against which the 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.