

Sedum Spectacular

(*Hylotelephium (Sedum) spectabile*)

Perennials Culture (revised 10/30/25)

Seed sedum breakthrough

NEW Spectacular is the seed alternative to vegetative *S. spectabile*! Compared to the leading vegetative varieties, Spectacular has a more compact habit and sturdy flower clusters. Stronger stems and less breakage make this sedum "spectacular" for smaller pots, patio containers and landscapes.

Plug crop time: 7 to 8 weeks, 128 to 180 tray; 8 to 9 weeks, 72 to 84 tray

Transplant to finish: 10 to 21 weeks subject to season and forcing

- The seed alternative to vegetative *Sedum spectabile*!
- Offers good plug quality, seeding uniformity and a convenient, multi-pellet seed product form.
- Supply is more programmable and flexible when starting from seed compared to vegetative cuttings.
- Medium-sized flower clusters and shorter stems do not easily break or fall open.
- It offers less shrink in a more saleable output.
- Bright chartreuse-green leaves light up patios and landscapes.

General Information

Exposure	Bloom Season	Height	Spread	Spacing
Sun	Late Summer, Autumn	12-14 in. (30-36 cm)	14-16 in. (36-41 cm)	18-22 in. (46-56 cm)

Germination

Seed Form	Recommended Plug Size	Seeds/Cell	Plug Crop Weeks	Days from 50% to maximum germination	Initial Media pH/EC (1:2)	Cover Seed
MPL	128 72*	1 1	7-8 8-9	3-7	5.8-6.2 pH 0.8-1.0 mmhos/cm	No

* Recommend plug size for forcing.

Plug Production

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Moisture	Level 4	Level 4-3	Level 3	Level 2
Temperature	64-77°F (18-25°C)	63-73°F (17-23°C)	63-71°F (17-22°C)	61-68°F (16-20°C)
Light	Light	5-8 mol·m ⁻² ·d ⁻¹	9-11 mol·m ⁻² ·d ⁻¹	10-15 mol·m ⁻² ·d ⁻¹
Fertiliser	Less than 100 ppm N (Less than 0.7 EC)	100 to 175 ppm N (0.7 to 1.2 EC)	150 to 175 ppm N (1.0 to 1.2 EC)	175 to 225 ppm N (1.2 to 1.5 EC)
PGR			daminozide/2,000-2,500 ppm/Spray	

Vernalisation

No

Propagation Key Tips

Maintain active airflow and avoid growing wet. Avoid flower initiation by growing plugs at <13 hrs. daylength and NOT using night interruption. PGRs are optional; only use daminozide spray at 2,500 ppm one time approximately 5 weeks after sowing. Plug forcing is possible. Use 84 or 72 trays and grow in short days at <13 hrs. for approximately 8 weeks until 8 leaves, and then 4 weeks at 16 hrs. daylength or night interruption.

Plug sizes matter, subject to pot size. For smaller pot sizes up to 5 in./13 cm, use 1 plug per pot with a 128 or 180 plug size. For larger pot sizes of 6 in./15 cm or 1 gal., use 1 plug per pot with a larger plug size of 72 or 84 for optimal fill. For larger pot sizes, we advise 2 to 3 plugs per pot with a minimum plug size of 180.

Growing on to Finish

Growing on Temperature	Target Media pH/EC (1:2)	Fertiliser	Daylength
(day) 65-77°F (18-25°C) (night) 54-57°F (12-14°C)	5.8-6.2 pH 1.2-1.5 mmhos/cm	175 to 225 ppm N (1.2 to 1.5 EC)	Long Day-Short Day

Daylength Notation

Critical daylength is about 14 hrs. The fastest flower initiation is at a daylength of a minimum of 16 hrs. (or night interruption). This is approximately 3 weeks shorter than 14 hrs. provides. After flower bud initiation, a shorter daylength of 13 hrs. or less will significantly reduce time to flower. The fastest flower timing occurs under a long day and short day combination, i.e., 5-6 weeks of 16 hrs. or longer daylength (long day) for flower initiation followed by 4 to 5 weeks of 13 hrs. or shorter day (short day) for flower development (pink colouration).

Crop Scheduling

Crop Type	Container Size	Plugs/Pot	Crop Time	Season	PGR
Annual	4"/4.5"/Quart/10 cm	1 (ppp)	9 (weeks)	Spring, ADT 63°F (17°C)	-
Annual	5"/6"/1 Gallon/15 cm	1 (ppp)	10-12 (weeks)	Spring, ADT 63°F (17°C)	-
Annual	5"/6"/1 Gallon/15 cm	1 (ppp)	12-16 (weeks)	Summer, ADT 65°F (18°C)	paclobutrazol 5 ppm Spray
Annual	5"/6"/1 Gallon/15 cm	1 (ppp)	12-16 (weeks)	Summer, ADT 65°F (18°C)	daminozide 2,000-2,500 ppm Spray
Annual	5"/6"/1 Gallon/15 cm	1 (ppp)	16-21 (weeks)	Autumn, ADT 65°F (18°C)	paclobutrazol 5 ppm Spray
Annual	5"/6"/1 Gallon/15 cm	1 (ppp)	16-21 (weeks)	Autumn, ADT 65°F (18°C)	daminozide 2,000-2,500 ppm Spray
Annual	8"/2 Gallon/20 cm	2-3 (ppp)	12-16 (weeks)	Summer, ADT 65°F (18°C)	paclobutrazol 5 ppm Spray
Annual	8"/2 Gallon/20 cm	2-3 (ppp)	12-16 (weeks)	Summer, ADT 65°F (18°C)	daminozide 2,000-2,500 ppm Spray
Annual	8"/2 Gallon/20 cm	2-3 (ppp)	16-21 (weeks)	Autumn, ADT 65°F (18°C)	paclobutrazol 5 ppm Spray

Fertiliser Notation

Maintain a minimum media EC of 1.2 and pH of maximum 6.8 to avoid chlorotic foliage. Can be finished in moderate (ADT 59°F/15°C) and higher temperatures (ADT 69 to 74°F/21 to 23°C). Fertilise at a medium rate of constant liquid feed of 17-5-17, with an alternative of 20-10-20 at 100 to 150 ppm nitrogen during active growth, or use Slow Release with an NPK ratio of 16-8-12 + 2.2 MgO at approximately 6.5 lbs./3 kg per ft³/m³ of media.

Chemical Sensitivity

Do not use streptomycin sulfate spray.

Common Problems

Insects: Aphids, Thrips, Fleas, Beetles. Diseases: Powdery and Downy Mildew, Erwinia, Crown Rot.

Finishing Key Tips

Maintain active airflow. Grow medium to dry. Avoid wilting (which can cause crown rot). Grow in high light, preferably full sun. Foliage is somewhat more clear green than Autumn Joy. Avoid too high of a nitrogen ratio, as plants will grow too loosely. Additional info for finishing: plug sizes matter, subject to pot size. For smaller pot sizes up to 5 in./13 cm, use 1 plug per pot with a 128 or 180 plug size. For larger pot sizes of 6 in./15 cm or 1 gal., use 1 plug per pot with a larger plug size of 72 or 84 for optimal fill. For larger pot sizes, we advise 2 to 3 plugs per pot with a minimum plug size of 180.

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