

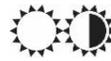
Ghost Plant *Graptopetalum paraguayense*

Other Common Names: Mother of Pearl



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GHOST PLANT
Graptopetalum paraguayense
 Perennial Succulent



Light: Sun/Part Sun **Water:** Low, Water deeply when dry
 Up to 12" Tall/Trailing **Color:** Small White-Yellow Star
 Leaf color varies with growing conditions. Not cold hardy.

Grown by a Denton County Master Gardener

General Information

Leaves form a rosette at the end of a woody stem. The leaves can take on a pink/yellow tone when exposed to sun or a blue gray tone when in the shade. The powdery silvery white coating on the leaves (called pruinose or farina) is where it gets its ghostly common name.

Characteristics

Hardiness Zones: 9a

Heat Tolerance: Yes

Height Size: Up to 1 foot with trails up to 3 feet

Flowers: Small white yellow flowers

Bloom Time: Spring/Summer attracting butterflies

Leaves: Pale gray thick fleshy tear drop leaves in a Fibonacci Spiral rosette

Growth Habit/Shape: Rapid growth, rosette leaves with hanging stems

Dormancy: Summer

Soil Requirements: Fast draining gritty succulent mix.

Propagation: Cutting or leaves

Indoor/Outdoor: Not cold hardy; can survive temperatures to 20° F. Overwinter indoors near a sunny window or a grow light. Can be grown indoors but tends to grow longer stems.

Pests and Diseases

Mealybugs and aphids

Plant Care

Use well-draining soil in a pot with drain holes. Water using the drench–drain–dry method. Overwatering causes root rot and excessive leaf drop. Fertilize lightly in early spring.

Sources for Additional Information

North Carolina State Extension Gardener Plant Tool Box
<https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/graptopetalum-paraguayense/>

University of Florida Gardening Solutions
<https://gardeningolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/ornamentals/ghost-plant/>