

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

NC State Extension

<https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/graptopetalum-paraguayense/>

University of Florida Gardening Solutions

<https://gardeningolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/plants/ornamentals/ghost-plant/>