

Rhoeo Spathacea Compacta - Plant



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199

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Description

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Depending on where you live, you may call this plant mooses-in-the-cradle, mooses-in-a-basket, boat lily and oyster plant. Whatever you call it, Rhoeo makes an excellent and fast growing ground cover in the garden.

Rhoeo is a short-stemmed tender foliage plant which makes attractive small, dense, spreading clumps. In the axils of the leaves, they produce small white flowers.

Temperatures 10 to 15 degrees above this will cause damage to the plant, but will not kill it.

Rhoeos also enjoy partial shade to full shade. Rhoeos are normally grown due to the fact that they are very drought tolerant.

This is a plant where it will be happier if you err on the side of dry and water this plant less. If you live in an area that normally gets large amounts of rain, your Rhoeo may not grow well in your garden no matter what you do. If this is the case and you still wish to enjoy the beauty of Rhoeos, you can either plant them in a container or you can try planting them under trees. Trees tend to suck up much of the water under their canopies and provide shade, both conditions will make your Rhoeo happy.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Moses-in-a-basket, Tradescantia spathacea, the boatlily, mooses-in-the-cradle, boat lily and oyster plant	White with blue blush	Seasonal bloomer	0.50 to 1.00 feet	easy to grow

Planting and care

In most areas, Rhoeo is considered an annual, though in fact, it is a tender perennial. Rhoeo is hardy only in USDA plant hardiness zones 9-11. This means that it can only tolerate temperatures down to about 20 F. (-6 C.) before they are killed off. Keep in mind that this is the temperature that will kill them.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full Sun	well-drained soil	medium	10 to 15 degrees	Apply any organic fertilizer

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Typical uses of Rhoeo Spathacea Compacta

Special features: As a houseplant, grow in hanging baskets or along shelves. Outdoors, it forms an excellent ground cover. Rock gardens. Borders.

Ornamental use: The plant is used for ornamental purpose.

Medicinal use: fever, cough and bronchitis

References

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