



Euphorbia x martinii 'Ascot Rainbow' [Ⓛ]



Height: 50cm
Spread: 50cm



FULL SUN



CONTAINER



ATTRACTIVE FOLIAGE



DRY TOLERANT



MIXED BORDERS

FEATURES:

- Compact form of Euphorbia which will brighten dull winter days with a vivid display of glowing red tips.
- Sprays of tiny flowers appear in late winter.
- Low maintenance and easy to grow.
- Dry tolerant once established.
- Very hardy with no known pests or diseases.

SUGGESTED USES:

- Water wise for gardens or containers.
- Small gardens or spaces.
- Fast results for new gardens.
- Colour and interest for cooler months.

CULTURAL CARE

Grows well in most soils which are well draining. Once established water requirements are very low but do not allow to dry out completely over extended periods of heat.

Generally no pruning required other than removal of spent flower stems to encourage bushy growth.

When pruning use gloves as sap can be irritating to skin and eyes.

Apply a slow release fertiliser during summer.



Euphorbias are true workhorses of the garden border needing little attention for a year round display of texture and when in bloom - colour over the cooler months. The Euphorbia genus is a very large one with species being found on every continent except Antarctica. They all share some similar traits - their milky sap can cause skin irritation, so wear gloves if pruning - and their flowers are not in fact flowers! All euphorbias produce displays of what seem to be blooms but are actually modified leaves commonly known as bracts and what many would mistake as petals. Within the bracts are contained the reproductive part which often exhibits nectar rich glands of a contrasting colour to the bracts. A rich reward for insect pollinators in the cooler months.

E. 'Ascot Rainbow' is a superb ornamental foliage variety bred by David Glenn of Lambley Nursery, Vic. Australia. Now famed world wide for its distinct golden foliage in blends of lime, blue-green variegation and pink to red growing tips. In a mixed border blend with deep hues of *Ceratostigma* 'Dryspell Sapphire', *Lavandula* 'Violet Lace' and *Limonium* 'Perezii Blue'. For sparkling highlights mix in *Convolvulus* 'Silvery Moon', *Abelia* 'Snow Fields' and back with the slightly larger growing ornamental euphorbia, E. 'Silver Swan'.