Flamingo Variegated Water Celery

Oenanthe javanica 'Flamingo'



Flamingo Variegated Water Celery foliage
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Plant Height: 4 inches

Flower Height: 6 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

This parsley relative produces beautiful spreading, lacy foliage that is light green, dappled with cream and pink; grown for foliage, flowers are not showy; control by clipping back runners; excellent for containers; prefers constant moisture

Ornamental Features

Flamingo Variegated Water Celery's attractive crinkled ferny leaves remain light green in color with showy creamy white variegation and tinges of pink throughout the season on a plant with a spreading habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

Flamingo Variegated Water Celery is an herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Invasive

Flamingo Variegated Water Celery is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- General Garden Use
- Water Gardens
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Bog Gardens

Planting & Growing

Flamingo Variegated Water Celery will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity extending to 6 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 30 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in moist to wet soil, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Flamingo Variegated Water Celery is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.