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**Gold Dust Basket Of Gold**

*Aurinia saxatilis 'Compacta'*

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Perennial Alyssum

**Ornamental Features**

Gold Dust Basket Of Gold is smothered in stunning clusters of yellow flowers at the ends of the stems from mid to late spring. Its small tomentose narrow leaves remain grayish green in color throughout the season. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

**Landscape Attributes**

Gold Dust Basket Of Gold is a dense herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Gold Dust Basket Of Gold is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting



*Gold Dust Basket Of Gold flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



*Gold Dust Basket Of Gold in bloom*  
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**Planting & Growing**

Gold Dust Basket Of Gold will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. 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.

Gold Dust Basket Of Gold is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our store for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.