

# Mediterranean Spurge 'Black Pearl'

*Euphorbia characias* 'Black Pearl'

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This description is for species *Mediterranean Spurge (Euphorbia characias)*:

*Euphorbia characias*, or Mediterranean Spurge can be found in various different cultivars and hails from the Mediterranean region of Europe. Some of the cultivars you might find include Thelma's Giant or Tasmanian Tiger. It's an evergreen shrub that blooms with clusters of nectar producing flowers that range in colour from white to yellow to blue. Interestingly, the plant has been used for many centuries to treat ailments such as warts and tumours, although naturally we don't recommend this. In fact, be aware that this plant is highly toxic if ingested, so take care not to plant in an area where children play.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Known dangers?</b> yes	<b>Acidity</b> Acidic Neutral Alkaline	<b>Standard category</b> Trees & shrubs Shrubs
<b>Dangers: comments</b> Avoid eating this plant, or you may have severe stomach upset. Its sap may irritate your skin.	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z7-11	<b>Grown for</b> Ornamental Foliage

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<b>Height [m]</b> 0.7 - 0.75	<b>Heat zone</b> H11-7	<b>Creative category</b> For Beginners For every season
<b>Spread [m]</b> 0.75	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> -18 - 4	<b>Garden type</b> Woodland Cottage garden Rock garden City Gravel garden
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Green	<b>Heat days</b> 60 - 210	<b>Garden spaces</b> Flower beds Borders
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> No, neutral please	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained	<b>Gardening expertise</b> beginner
<b>Flowering seasons</b> Early spring Mid spring Late spring Early summer Mid summer Late summer Early autumn Mid autumn Late autumn	<b>Soil type</b> sandy Clay chalky loams	<b>Time to reach full size</b> 2 to 5 years
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Grey-green	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun	
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Grey-green	<b>Exposure</b> Sheltered	
<b>Foliage in Autumn</b> Grey-green		
<b>Foliage in winter</b> Grey-green		
<b>Propagation methods</b> seed stem tip cuttings		
<b>Growth habit</b> Clump-forming Upright		