

Mediterranean Spurge

Euphorbia characias

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

This plant has a wooly texture. Like a green sheep, with no legs, and no head either. Maybe it's not much like a sheep really.

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
<p>Known dangers? yes</p>	<p>Acidity Acidic Neutral Alkaline</p>	<p>Standard category Trees & shrubs Shrubs</p>

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Dangers: comments Avoid eating this plant, or you may have severe stomach upset. Its sap may irritate your skin.	Hardiness zone Z7-10	Grown for Ornamental Foliage
Height [m] 0.7 - 2	Heat zone H10-7	Creative category For Beginners For every season
Spread [m] 2	Winter temperatures [°C] -18 - 4	Garden type Woodland Cottage garden Rock garden City Gravel garden
Dominant flower colour Yellow	Heat days 60 - 180	Garden spaces Flower beds Borders
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Moisture well-drained	Gardening expertise beginner
Flowering seasons Early spring Mid spring Late spring Early summer Mid summer	Soil type sandy Clay chalky loams	Time to reach full size 2 to 5 years
Foliage in spring Green	Sun requirements Full sun	
Foliage in summer Green	Exposure Exposed Sheltered	
Foliage in Autumn Green		
Foliage in winter Green		
Propagation methods seed stem tip cuttings		