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Redwood Sorrel

Oxalis oregana



Redwood Sorrel
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Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 8 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 20 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 6a

Description:

Rich clover-like blue-green foliage, covered with dainty white, pink, or lilac trumpets in spring, lighting up the shaded areas of the garden; heavy spring bloom is followed by sporadic re-bloom all season into fall; morning sun to bright shade is fine

Ornamental Features

Redwood Sorrel's attractive fan-shaped leaves remain bluish-green in color with prominent white stripes throughout the season on a plant with a spreading habit of growth. It features dainty pink trumpet-shaped flowers with white overtones along the stems from early spring to mid fall.

Landscape Attributes

Redwood Sorrel is a dense herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and may require the occasional pruning to look its best. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Redwood Sorrel is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

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Planting & Growing

Redwood Sorrel will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 8 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 20 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium 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 does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America. It can be propagated by division.

Redwood Sorrel 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.