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# NATIVE PLANTS



## **Moroccan Mound** *Euphorbia resinifera*

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8b

Other Names: Resin Spurge



*Moroccan Mound*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

### **Description:**

A low, densely mounded succulent that spreads quite rapidly by suckering; small yellow flowers appear along the stem margins in late winter and early spring; an interesting groundcover or edging plant for a dry sunny area

### **Ornamental Features**

Moroccan Mound features dainty yellow pincushion flowers along the branches from late winter to early spring. It has attractive bluish-green foliage. The succulent narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

### **Landscape Attributes**

Moroccan Mound is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Moroccan Mound is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



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## **Planting & Growing**

Moroccan Mound will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 60 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in 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 pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. It can be propagated by division.

Moroccan Mound makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.