

The Siam Collection

Euphorbia milii hybrids

Milii hybrids have been popular with growers for many years because of their hardiness and their ability to flower throughout the year.

In recent years an completely new range of hybrids has enter the market, bred in Thailand this range is far superior to the older hybrids as the flower size, quantity and colours has dramatically increased, flower sizes up to 7cm are now available. Milii flowers are not real flowers, they are modified leaves and small yellow flowers appear inside the leaf, these coloured leaves are long lasting and can last many weeks and new spikes are produced continuously whist the plant is in growth.

The Siam Collection offers a range of the best hybrids available today, they have been selected from thousands of seedlings over many years, many of the hybrids available in the collection are grafted to improve growth and performance.

CLIMATE: These hybrids will tolerate a wide range of climates from tropical to cold, in cold climate they may require some winter protection to avoid sever frosts.

LOCATION: Milii prefer to be kept outdoors in full sun to partial shade and will do well as an indoor plant but to maintain flowers it must be in a sunny position, in low light flowers will not develop. Best results are if the plant is flowered outdoors and brought in for a few weeks at a time, in very cold climates it may be advisable to bring them indoors in winter.

REPOTTING: Milii require very little care, a good well drained potting mix will be adequate, the more open the more often water is required. Repotting is best done every 1 to 2 years to maintain vigour otherwise growth will slow. Plants can grow to 60cm or more with many branches, each bearing flowers.

WATER AND FERTILIZER: Milii require regular watering to maintain growth and flowers, soil should remain moist but not wet, water well and allow soil surface to dry between waterings, as this is a succulent plant it can be left dry for months, flowering however will be effected. Fertile with a weak dose as recommended for normal pot plants.

PESTS & DISEASES: Milii are hardy and take little care, in tropical and temperate climates they are almost indestructible, in cold climates damping off problems can occur in colder weather. Over winter plants should be allowed to almost dry out, a light watering every 2 to 3

weeks is sufficient leaves may fall off, this is of no concern. Milii are also susceptible to spider mite which cause the leaves to look dusty.

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