



# *Euphorbia 'Ascot Rainbow'*

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Variiegated, sage green, gold and lime foliage with flowers that repeat the color pattern. Leaves are tinged with pink in cool weather. Compact and slightly spreading, 'Ascot Rainbow' is very heat and drought tolerant. *PlantHaven*.

## USES

'Ascot Rainbow' is tough and beautiful in borders and containers, but especially useful in any environment that is hot and dry.

## GROWER NOTES

*The following information is based on our own experience with this crop in the Pacific Northwest. Growth will vary depending on location, climate, growing medium and cultural practices. As always, where chemical use is involved, read the labels, follow the instructions and practice careful trialing methods.*

- Transplant into well-drained soil in full sun and follow with a broad-spectrum fungicide drench. Plant plug crown even with soil line.
- Fertilize sparingly, avoid overwatering, and space early. The best form and color is produced on plants grown dry and with optimum air circulation.
- For spring sales, transplant into a cool greenhouse in late summer or fall. For summer or fall crops in mild climates, transplant outdoors in spring. In colder, wetter climates, winter and early spring plantings are best started under cover and moved outdoors as weather improves.
- When using young vegetative material, pinch early in the growing cycle to produce well-branched plants. Allow approximately three weeks after transplanting for plugs to initiate roots and produce 3" or so of new growth. Then pinch the new growth back by half or

less, being careful not to leave only woody lower stem. If desired, a growth regulator such as Florel® (ethephon) may be applied one week prior to pinching to promote branching.

- Older plants with heavy flower stems will produce new basal growth, but the process can be slow. Allow plants to flower and produce new buds at or just above the crown. Only when buds are visible, cut plants back down to the new growth. Plants will stall for an extended period if cut back prematurely.
- All *Euphorbia* can be sensitive to some commonly used insecticide sprays and will defoliate after spraying, particularly if plants are under stress from pests, disease or severe drought. Avoid sprays containing Marathon® (imidacloprid) and Safari® (dinotefuran), and always test a small group of plants prior to full-scale treatment. Monitor for mites.
- In fall and winter, apply preventives for downy and powdery mildew.

## PLANT DATA

- Height: 20"/20"
- Spread: 20"
- Bloom time: Mar–May
- USDA Zone: 7(0°)

## APPROXIMATE FINISH TIMES

- Gallon from 72-cell liner: 24–28 weeks from late summer or fall transplant
- Gallon from 72-cell liner: 10–12 weeks from spring transplant
- 2-gallon from 72-cell liner: 20–24 weeks from spring transplant

## PATENT INFORMATION

Asexual propagation prohibited  
*E. x martinii* 'Ascot Rainbow': COPF, USPPP