



Euphorbia 'Shorty'

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Outstanding for its habit, 'Shorty' maintains a compact, rounded form all season when other *Euphorbias* grow tall and flop over. Foliage is a striking blue gray that intensifies as cool weather approaches. Growing tips become flushed with red in fall and winter, and are followed by large yellow flower heads in early spring. *Introduced by Itsaul Plants.*

USES

'Shorty' makes a great specimen plant in borders or rockeries or a component in mixed containers.

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 in full sun. Space early to encourage full plants and best foliage color.
- For plants ready for summer and fall sales, transplant in spring or early summer. Do not transplant late outdoors in any but the mildest climates, but to produce a quality blooming crop for early spring sales, transplant in early fall, and winter over in a cool greenhouse.
- If transplant is delayed and plants must be pinched in the liner flat prior to transplant, wait for visible new bud

breaks at the base before transplanting, or plant growth may stall.

- Always plant crowns at soil level, and allow soil to dry thoroughly between waterings.
- Use a post-planting preventive fungicide drench.
- Avoid overhead irrigation if possible, and keep fertility levels low (*Euphorbias* are light feeders).
- 'Shorty' has had no specific pest or disease problems in our production, but watch for mites during hot weather.

PLANT DATA

- Height: 24–36"/36"
- Spread: 15"
- Bloom time: Mar–May
- USDA Zone: 7(0°)

APPROXIMATE FINISH TIMES

- Gallon from 72-cell liner: 26 weeks from fall transplant
- Gallon from 72-cell liner: 10–12 weeks from spring transplant

PATENT INFORMATION

Asexual propagation prohibited

E. characias ssp. *wulfenii* 'Shorty': USPP #19808