Plant Propagation Protocol for Sedum spathulifolium

ESRM 412 – Native Plant Production

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TAXONOMY		
Plant Family		
Scientific Name	Crassulaceae	
Common Name	Stonecrop Family	
Species Scientific Name		
Scientific Name	Sedum spathulifolium Hook.	
Varieties	Sedum spathulifolium Hook var. spathulifolium	
Sub-species	Sedum spathufolium ssp. pruinosum	
-	Sedum spathufolium ssp. purdyi	
	Sedum spathufolium ssp. spathulifolium	
	Sedum spathulifoliym ssp. yosemitense	
Cultivar	'Cape Blanco'	
	'Rubra'	
Common Synonym(s)	Sedum spathulifolium Hook ssp. spathulifolium	
Common Name(s)	Broadleaf stonecrop, Pacific sedum	
Species Code (as per USDA	SESP	
Plants database)		
GENERAL INFORMATION		
Geographical range		
	USDA – NRCS – NGCE, 2017	

	WTU Herbarium, Burke Museum, 2017	
Ecological distribution	Southern half of coastal and interior British Columbia to California. Common on Vancouver Island, Gulf Islands, San Juan Islands, and west of the Cascades in Washington. Also, found east through the Coast Ranges in Oregon and California, and in the Columbia River Gorge. ⁶	
Climate and elevation range	Low to middle elevations; abundance decreases with increasing precipitation; found in dry, sunny areas ⁵	
Local habitat and abundance	Dry coarse, sandy to gravelly, nitrogen-poor soils; coastal cliffs, rock outcroppings, and ravines ^{2,5}	
Plant strategy type / successional stage	Climax species on dry, non-forested sites ⁵	
Plant characteristics	Perennial, succulent herb grows from a stout rhizome and rootstock; stems ascending to erect, numerous, branched above, 5-20 cm tall; glabrous and glausous. ³	
	Leaves sage green to reddish in full sun; ⁴ spatulate to oblong, overlapping, flattened but very succulent; stem leaves alternate, basal leaves in rosette. ²	
	Inflorescence terminal, flat-topped, paniculate cymes; flower 5-parted, bright yellow; petals narrowly oblong-lanceolate 7-10 mm long, stamens 10, 5 attached to base of petals. ^{2,3}	
	Flowering time: June - July	
	Fruit ripening time: July - August	
PROPAGATION DETAILS		
Ecotype Cool	No information found.	
Propagation Goal	Cuttings	

Propagation Method	Vegetative
Product Type	Cuttings
Time to Grow	Roots develop in 1 month ⁶ and are ready for transplant at that
	time.
Target Specifications	No information found.
Propagule Collection	Can propagate with leaves, stems, or full rosettes.
Instructions	
	Remove mature, healthy, leaves by pulling them gently sideways from the stem. ⁷
	Collect cuttings spring, summer, or fall.
Propagule	No information found.
Processing/Propagule	
Characteristics	
Pre-Planting Propagule	Set leaves in a warm, dry place for $2-3$ days to let the cut end
Treatments	to callus over. ⁷
Growing Area Preparation /	In a $2-3$ inch pot with gritty, well-drained soil, such as a soil
Annual Practices for	mix of half potting soil and half sand, insert cuttings, cut-side
Perennial Crops	down, just beneath the soil surface. Top-dress with a layer of
	grit. Place in a partially shaded propagator at 64-70°F. Mist with
	water to keep cuttings just moist (too much water will cause cuttings to rot). Roots and plantlets should form in a month. ⁸
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	Another common method is placing cuttings on a seed tray lined
	with damp newspaper in bright shade at 61°F. When the cuttings
	form roots and plantlets (1 month), they are ready to be
	transplanted. ⁵
Establishment Phase Details	No information found.
Length of Establishment	No information found.
Phase	
Active Growth Phase	No information found.
Length of Active Growth	No information found.
Phase	
Hardening Phase	No information found.
Length of Hardening Phase	No information found.
Harvesting, Storage and	No information found.
Shipping	
Length of Storage	No information found.
Guidelines for Outplanting /	Very high success rate. ³
Performance on Typical	M · 1 · 1 · 20
Sites	Maximum height: 20 cm.
	Length to maturity: 1 year.
	Will flower in 1-2 years.
Other Comments	While vegetative propagation is the easiest and most successful

	way to propagate Sedum spathulifolium, and other Sedum	
	species, propagation by seed is also doable. See below.	
PROPAGATION DETAILS		
Ecotype	Colorado, Sprague Lake (98-012s), Moraine Park (98-072s), Long's Peak Parking Lot (98-129s) ¹⁰	
Propagation Goal	Plants	
Propagation Method	Seed	
Product Type	Container	
Time to Grow	No information found.	
Target Specifications	No information found.	
Propagule Collection Instructions	Hand-clip ripe follicles into a collection bag. ⁴	
	Collect seed July – August ⁴	
Propagule Processing/Propagule Characteristics	Allow follicles to dry in collection bag. Shake bag to release seed. ⁴ Alternatively, crush seed heads and let the tiny seeds fall out. Then, use fine screens to separate seeds from other plant material. ¹⁰	
	15,000 seeds per gram. ¹¹	
Pre-Planting Propagule Treatments	Stratification involves three months of cold, followed by warm temperatures to induce germination. ⁶	
	For even sowing, mix seeds with the finest sand or talcum powder, as the seeds are very fine. ¹¹	
Growing Area Preparation / Annual Practices for Perennial Crops	Sow seeds in small pots, a few seeds per pot. 10 Preferred germination growing media is a mix of 2 parts compost and 1 part sand. 11	
	Propagate in a greenhouse with day temperature between 65 – 70°F and night temperature of 55°F. Set tent misters for 8am – 8pm, with 10 second/15 minute watering intervals. One week after germination, move seedlings to mister area without tent. 10	
Establishment Phase Details	No information found.	
Length of Establishment Phase	7 days ¹⁰	
	Other sources say 4 – 180 days. 12	
Active Growth Phase	No information found.	
Length of Active Growth Phase	No information found.	
Hardening Phase	No information found.	
Length of Hardening Phase	No information found.	
Harvesting, Storage and	Harvest seeds July – August. Store seeds in a cool, dry place. 10	

Shipping	
Length of Storage	No information found.
Guidelines for Outplanting / Performance on Typical	Maximum height: 20 cm; maximum spread: 60cm
Sites	Length to maturity: 1 year
	Will flower in 1-2 years
Other Comments	The protocol above was adapted from the protocol on <i>Sedum</i> seeds from Colorado, Sprague Lake (98-012s), Moraine Park (98-072s), Long's Peak Parking Lot (98-129s). Decies-specific information was included when available.
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