

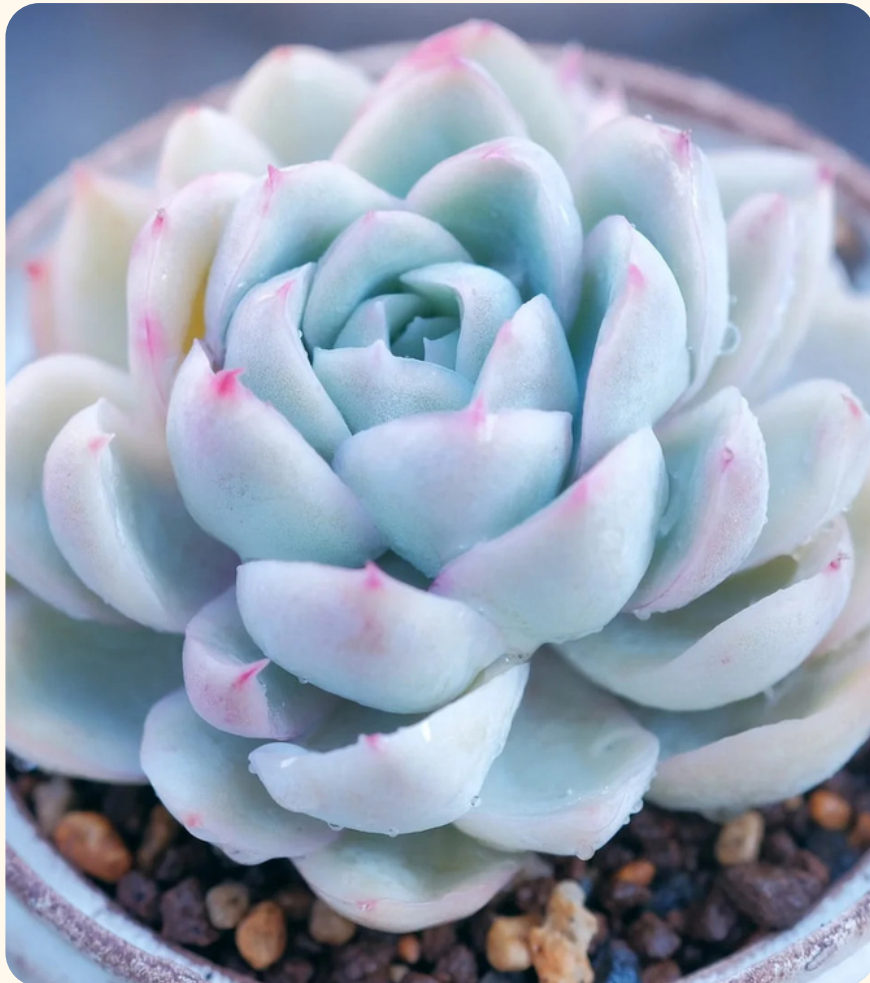


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Plant Care Guide

Simple steps for healthy , happy plants



Blue Echeveria

(Echeveria glauca)

Blue Echeveria, scientifically known as *Echeveria glauca*, is a stunning succulent with striking blue-green, rosette-shaped leaves. Its compact and symmetrical growth habit makes it a popular choice among succulent enthusiasts. The leaves have a powdery coating, giving them a distinctive frosted appearance.



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Origin: Mexico

Care Level & Placement: Easy, Indoor or outdoor, but it thrives in well-lit areas with ample sunlight.



Light

Blue Echeveria prefers bright, indirect sunlight or partial sunlight. In indoor settings, place it near a sunny window where it can receive at least 4-6 hours of indirect sunlight daily. Outdoors, it can tolerate some direct sunlight but may need protection from intense midday sun.



Water

These succulents have low water requirements. Allow the soil to dry out completely between waterings. Water sparingly, about once every 2-3 weeks during the growing season (spring and summer). Reduce watering in the dormant winter months.



Soil

Use a well-draining cactus or succulent potting mix. Adding sand or perlite can improve drainage. Ensure the pot has drainage holes to prevent waterlogged soil.



Fun fact

Blue Echeveria's powdery, protective coating not only contributes to its distinctive appearance but also helps reduce water loss by reflecting excess sunlight.



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Pet Friendliness

Blue Echeveria is generally non-toxic to pets. However, it's best to discourage pets from nibbling on succulent leaves.



Stress Signs

Wilting or Drooping Leaves: When Blue Echeveria's leaves start to droop or appear soft and mushy, it's a sign of overwatering. This typically happens if the soil remains consistently moist. To remedy this, allow the soil to dry out completely before the next watering and adjust your watering frequency.

Leggy Growth: If your Blue Echeveria begins to stretch or produce elongated stems with widely spaced leaves, it's an indication of insufficient light. To prevent leggy growth, provide more indirect sunlight or move the plant to a brighter location.

Yellowing or Browning Leaves: Yellowing or browning of the lower leaves may occur due to age or natural shedding. However, if multiple leaves exhibit these symptoms, it could be a sign of underwatering or nutrient deficiency. Ensure you follow a proper watering schedule and consider fertilizing your plant during the growing season to address nutrient issues.



Botanical Family: Crassulaceae

Botanical Name: Echeveria glauca

Common Name: Blue Echeveria, Mexican Hens and Chicks, Ghost Echeveria



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