

# Thunderbird Mad About Mangave



## ***Mangave 'Mad About Thunderbird'***

- ***Use:*** This smaller sized succulent has thick, flat leaves that are almost completely covered with dark red spots for eye-catching appeal. The leaves form an upright, refined rosette—perfect for growers looking for ease of shipping. The color is ideal for bringing interest to combination containers or a contrast to brightly colored pots. Mangave is a relatively new phenomenon, an intergeneric cross of *Manfreda* x *Agave*. These rare hybrids combine the best of both worlds: the better growth rate and the interesting patterns of *Manfreda*, and the habit and refinement of *Agave*. We are very excited (shall we say mad?) about these hybrids.
- ***Exposure/Soil:*** Grows best in full sun. Plant in well-drained, dry to average soil in containers just slightly wider than the width of the rosette or plant directly in the ground. In summer when the plants are actively growing, they appreciate a bit of supplemental watering and half-strength fertilizer. They should be grown dry in winter. Mangave is a slower grower, so it will not quickly overtake the space it is allotted in the landscape.
- ***Growth:*** Grows 8-10" tall and 16-20" wide and can expand further.
- ***Hardiness:*** Zone 8-10; Tender Perennial that will need protection in winter. Good drainage in rocky soil is a must for good winter drainage. Bring indoors in winter and keep above 60 degrees with high light as a houseplant for safest bet until we know more about their cold hardiness in our area.
- ***Foliage:*** Deciduous (Evergreen if indoors in winter). Leaf spotting so dense the foliage appears solidly reddish-violet...quite dramatic!
- ***Flower:*** After several years of growth, a plant can send up a bloom stalk up to 7.0' high of branching, yellow inflorescences. Most Mangave are monocarpic and produce only one bloom in their lifetime. They can, however, produce new offsets or "pups" that will live on after the mother plant dies.

**A real conversation starter! This unique plant dazzles onlookers with its flat foliage with a camo-esque dappled pattern. We love them most in containers.**



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