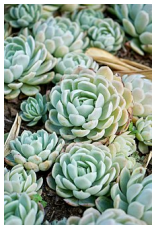


Black Prince (Echeveria Black Prince)



Echeveria is a large genus of flowering plants in the family Crassulaceae, native to semi-desert areas of Central America, Mexico and northwestern South America.

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Description

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Plants may be evergreen or deciduous. Flowers on short stalks (cymes) arise from compact rosettes of succulent fleshy, often brightly coloured leaves. Species are polycarpic, meaning that they may flower and set seed many times over the course of their lifetimes. Often numerous offsets are produced, and are commonly known as "hen and chicks", which can also refer to other genera, such as *Sempervivum*, that are significantly different from *Echeveria*. Many species of *Echeveria* serve important environmental roles, such as those of host plants for butterflies. For example, the butterfly *Callophrys xami* uses several species of *Echeveria*, such as *Echevelia gibbiflora*, for suitable host plants. Even more, these plants are integral to the oviposition process of *C. xami* and some other butterfly species as well.

Etymology

Echeveria is named for Atanasio Echeverría y Godoy, a botanical illustrator who contributed to *Flora Mexicana*.

Taxonomy

The genus was erected by A. P. de Candolle in 1828, and is named after the 18th century Mexican botanical artist Atanasio Echeverría y Godoy. As of June 2018, the genus consists of about 150 species, including genera such as *Oliveranthus* and *Urbinia* that have formerly been split off from *Echeveria*. Molecular phylogenetic studies have repeatedly shown the genus not to be monophyletic: species of *Echeveria* cluster with species of *Cremnophila*, *Graptopetalum*, *Pachyphytum*, and *Thompsonella* as well as species of *Sedum* sect. *Pachysedum*. The former *Urbinia* species do appear to form a monophyletic group within this grouping. Although it is clear that *Echeveria* is not monophyletic, its limits are not clear, and further analyses are needed to determine whether and how the genus should be split.

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Reviews

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