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Year Of … Sedum

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In this space, we'll highlight each of the National Garden Bureau's (NGB) Year Of … plants. They're chosen because they're easy to grow, popular, genetically diverse, widely adaptable and versatile. GO HERE for free downloadable promotional materials, growing tips and more.

Sedum spectabile Spectacular from PanAmerican Seed is a seed alternative with a compact habit, strong stems and sturdy flower clusters. Hardy to Zones 3b to 9a and a pollinator attractor, as well as a 2026 All-America Selections winner.

It's tough. It's pretty. It's versatile. Sedum is a broad genus, encapsulating annual, perennial and shrub types, depending on hardiness zone. According to NGB, whether you go with a narrow or broad definition of sedum, there are three characteristics that tend to be true:

- They prefer to be grown in full sun (tolerating partial shade), well-drained and generally nutrient-poor soils.
- They have thick, succulent, water-storing leaves.
- They have clusters of star-shaped flowers.

Here are a couple more "Did You Know" facts for sedum from NGB:

- Many sedums produce large, colorful flower clusters in late summer and fall, providing a burst of color when other plants are starting to fade.
- The late-season blooms of sedums attract beneficial insects like bees and butterflies, which are important for pollination and garden health.
- Some sedums have a creeping habit, making them suitable for groundcovers or as a low-maintenance lawn alternative. **GP**