Bromeliads as Groundcovers

Today on Gardening in a Minute: bromeliads as groundcovers.

Bromeliads are plants that are underutilized in the landscape. They make wonderful groundcovers, especially in those shady areas where grass won’t do well.

Bromeliads have many appealing qualities. Most bromeliads are drought tolerant and otherwise low maintenance.

Some will only grow to a couple of inches in height, whereas others can be several feet tall. You can also choose from numerous colors of foliage and blooms.

Group bromeliads in masses to create an appealing tropical carpet. They will slowly spread on their own, or can be divided to share with fellow gardeners.

Or, instead of planting them directly in the ground, plant bromeliads in pots that are then placed in the ground, so that you can bring them in to enjoy the blooms or protect them from frost.

For more information about bromeliads and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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