

## EUPHORBIA Blackbird ('Nothowlee')

Origin: Selected in the UK at Notcutts Nursery.

Species: *Euphorbia hybrida*

Protection Status: US PP #17,178; Canadian COPF Registration.; COPF Open

### Characteristics:

**'Blackbird'** has a compact, bushy habit with exceptionally dark purple foliage that gets darker in full sun. In the spring, green yellow flowers contrast nicely with the virtually black foliage. *Euphorbia purpurea* is the nearest comparison variety. **'Blackbird'** is taller and less compact in habit. **'Blackbird'** produces numerous cuttings that root easily. This plant proved itself to be very temperature-tolerant as it survived the scorching 116° heat wave in the Central Valley of California this past summer. A great year-round addition for foliar plant choice in the perennial border. Good in containers too!

Hardiness: USDA Zone 6 to 9

Bloom: Yellow/green in spring.

Foliage: Predominantly dark purple in coloration that becomes nearly black in full sun.

Habit: Compact and bushy. Mature height is about 20" to 24" tall.

Propagation: Cuttings. *License required to propagate.*

Culture: Prop young flush material 1.5 -2" in length internodal tips. No rooting hormone needed. Take cuts during March/April/May. Roots best in ellepots under tented poly. Rooted plugs potted off into a 4" pots grown on or under glass with 1 or 2 trims (the latest trim no later than mid/late July). Final gallons potted August/September.

Use: Excellent plant for containers and perennial borders.

