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Kalm Ames Hypericum *Hypericum kalmianum 'Ames'*

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Kalm's St. John's Wort

Description:

A neatly rounded garden shrub with dazzling golden yellow flowers in mid summer; this variety is slightly hardier than the species and has a more uniform shape, great for massing, tolerates dry conditions particularly well

Ornamental Features

Kalm Ames Hypericum is smothered in stunning gold flowers along the branches in mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has bluish-green deciduous foliage. The narrow leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Kalm Ames Hypericum is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Kalm Ames Hypericum is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting



Kalm Ames Hypericum in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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Planting & Growing

Kallm Ames Hypericum will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to dry locations, and dislikes excessive moisture. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species.

Kallm Ames Hypericum makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.