



Golden Plume

Schaueria flavicoma

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ☐ ☒

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Schavleria

Description:

A shrubby flowering perennial presenting shaggy panicles of tubular, pale yellow flowers from spring to fall, or year-round in frost free areas; attractive, narrow, glossy dark green leaves provide contrast; perfect for border fronts, beds, or containers

Ornamental Features

Golden Plume features showy panicles of yellow tubular flowers rising above the foliage from early spring to late fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its large glossy narrow leaves remain forest green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Golden Plume is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Golden Plume is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Golden Plume flowers
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Planting & Growing

Golden Plume will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. To help this plant achieve its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America..

Golden Plume is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.