Cuban Buttercup

Turnera trioniflora



Cuban Buttercup flowers
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Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: White Turnera, Sage Rose, White Buttercup

Description:

Bright white flowers with yellow centers and black eyes bloom over dark green to gray-green foliage; the flowers last a day, but are borne in profusion all summer; eventually produces an open airy habit; great for the garden or containers

Ornamental Features

Cuban Buttercup features showy white cup-shaped flowers with black eyes and a yellow ring at the ends of the branches from mid spring to mid fall. It has attractive dark green foliage with grayish green veins. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Cuban Buttercup is an open multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Cuban Buttercup is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Cuban Buttercup will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It has a low canopy. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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. It can be propagated by division.

Cuban Buttercup makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use 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 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.