Golden Wayfaring Tree

Viburnum lantana 'Aureum'



Golden Wayfaring Tree foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 7 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Wayfaring Bush

Description:

A colorful shrub with foliage which emerges a golden yellow and eventually fades to lime green, color is better retained in light shade, showy flat-topped clusters of creamy white flowers in spring, somewhat coarse; excellent for color in the shrub border

Ornamental Features

Golden Wayfaring Tree features showy creamy white flat-top flowers at the ends of the branches in mid spring. It has attractive chartreuse deciduous foliage which emerges yellow in spring. The large fuzzy pointy leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color.



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Landscape Attributes

Golden Wayfaring Tree is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer 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. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Golden Wayfaring Tree is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Golden Wayfaring Tree will grow to be about 7 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 selected variety of a species not originally from North America.