Midnight Sun Moneywort

Lysimachia 'Midnight Sun'



Midnight Sun Moneywort flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 4 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 15 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Creeping Jenny

Description:

A vigorous and pervasive groundcover, yet not overly aggressive, featuring very showy yellow flowers all summer long held over a low carpet of interesting plum and green colored leaves; almost indestructible; also a great cascading plant on garden walls



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Ornamental Features

Midnight Sun Moneywort is bathed in stunning lightly-scented yellow cup-shaped flowers along the stems from early to late summer. Its attractive oval leaves emerge dark red in spring, turning plum purple in color with distinctive green veins and tinges of grayish green throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Midnight Sun Moneywort is a dense spreading perennial with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Midnight Sun Moneywort is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Midnight Sun Moneywort will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 15 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Midnight Sun Moneywort is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its trailing habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.