Golden Queen Of The Meadow

Filipendula ulmaria 'Aurea'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Meadowsweet

Description:

Well branched with an upright bushy habit, this variety features stunning golden yellow foliage, topped with fragrant creamy white flower plumes; excellent for garden beds, backs of borders or used around pools and ponds; good cut flower



Golden Queen Of The Meadow flowers
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Ornamental Features

Golden Queen Of The Meadow features delicate panicles of white flowers at the ends of the stems from early to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive serrated narrow compound leaves remain gold in color throughout the season.



Golden Queen Of The Meadow foliage
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Landscape Attributes

Golden Queen Of The Meadow is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. 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 Queen Of The Meadow is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Golden Queen Of The Meadow will grow to be about 32 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It tends to be leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and should be underplanted with lower-growing perennials. It grows at a medium 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 partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It is quite adaptable, prefering to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some 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. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. 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.



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