Verdigris Brass Buttons

Leptinella potentillina



Verdigris Brass Buttons foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 1 inch

Flower Height: 2 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Spacing: 8 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

This quickly spreading groundcover features runners of ferny, pewter variegated foliage; leaves will tolerate some foot traffic; neither flowers or fruit are particularly ornamental; great as edging or between patio pavers; a durable lawn substitute

Ornamental Features

Verdigris Brass Buttons' attractive tiny ferny compound leaves emerge light green in spring, turning grayish green in color with showy silver variegation and tinges of coppery-bronze throughout the season on a plant with a spreading habit of growth.

Landscape Attributes

Verdigris Brass Buttons is a dense herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and can be pruned at anytime. 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.

Verdigris Brass Buttons is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Verdigris Brass Buttons will grow to be only 1 inch tall at maturity extending to 2 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 14 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 8 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 8 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 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 type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.