# Trailing Abutilon

***Abutilon megapotamicum***

Height: 7 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

**Description:**

This variety features attractive, slender heart shaped leaves, and pendant yellow flowers with large scarlet calyces, that bloom from summer to frost, on gracefully arching branches; trailing nature makes it great for garden walls, or containers

**Ornamental Features**

Trailing Abutilon features bold nodding yellow bell-shaped flowers with scarlet calyces along the branches from early summer to mid fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has attractive green evergreen foliage. The serrated heart-shaped leaves are highly ornamental and remain green throughout the winter.

**Landscape Attributes**

Trailing Abutilon is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Trailing Abutilon is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Trailing Abutilon flowers*
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*Trailing Abutilon in bloom*
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets



*Trailing Abutilon flowers*
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**Planting & Growing**

Trailing Abutilon 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 fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

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 pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America.

Trailing Abutilon makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its height, it is often used 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.