Shrubby Yellowcrest

Heimia salicifolia



Shrubby Yellowcrest flowers
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Height: 8 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8

Other Names: Sinicuichi, Sun Opener, Narrow-leaf Heimia

Description:

A densely branched, spreading Southwest native, featuring fine textured, narrow foliage and yellow flowers from spring to fall, upon attractive reddish stems; a great screen or border plant; may be grown in pots and overwintered in bright indoor areas



Shrubby Yellowcrest in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Shrubby Yellowcrest is bathed in stunning yellow buttercup flowers held atop the branches from early summer to mid fall. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The small narrow leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Shrubby Yellowcrest is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which can make it a great accent feature on this basis alone.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Shrubby Yellowcrest is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Shrubby Yellowcrest will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 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 type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This species is native to parts of North America..

Shrubby Yellowcrest makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use 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.