Golden Garlic

Allium moly luteum



Golden Garlic flowers
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Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 8 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Flowering Onion, Lily Leek, Yellow Garlic

Description:

A lovely selection that produces bright yellow star-shaped blooms on tall stalks and fragrant grassy green foliage that stays throughout most of the summer; excellent for garden beds, borders and cut flowers; self-seeding, deadhead before seeds develop



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Ornamental Features

Golden Garlic features dainty cymes of lightly-scented yellow flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to early summer. Its fragrant grassy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Golden Garlic 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. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Golden Garlic is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Golden Garlic will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 8 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 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! As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. 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 or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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 multiplication of the underground bulbs.

Golden Garlic is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.