Yellow Heron's Bill

Erodium chrysanthum



Yellow Heron's Bill flowers
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Height: 10 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 20 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Heronsbill, Golden Storksbill, Bulletproof Beauty

Description:

This attractive plant forms a low clump of tiny, fern-like, silvery green foliage; starry, pale yellow flowers that mature to white appear from spring until late summer; wonderful for border edging, groundcover for small areas, or containers



Yellow Heron's Bill in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Yellow Heron's Bill has masses of beautiful clusters of fragrant buttery yellow star-shaped flowers with white overtones rising above the foliage from mid spring to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its attractive tiny fragrant lobed pinnately compound leaves remain bluish-green in color with hints of silver throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Yellow Heron's Bill is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Yellow Heron's Bill is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Yellow Heron's Bill will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 20 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America..

Yellow Heron's Bill 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 and foliage against which the 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.