Golden Times Forsythia

Forsythia x intermedia 'Golden Times'



Golden Times Forsythia flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Border Forsythia, Goldenbells

Description:

When it comes to color, this one has it in spades; showy yellow bell-shaped flowers in early spring along bare branches, stunning variegated leaves of bright yellow-gold and rich green; some consider this variety to be the showiest of the variegated bunch

Ornamental Features

Golden Times Forsythia is clothed in stunning yellow bell-shaped flowers along the branches in early spring before the leaves. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has gold-variegated emerald green foliage. The serrated pointy leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.



Golden Times Forsythia
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Landscape Attributes

Golden Times Forsythia is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. 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.

Golden Times Forsythia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Golden Times Forsythia will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.



Golden Times Forsythia foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder