Green And Gold

Chrysogonum virginianum



Green And Gold flowers
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Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 10 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5

Other Names: Green-And-Gold, Goldstar, Goldenstar, Golden Knee

Description:

This perennial groundcover will spread by rhizomes, and can reach many feet in a few years; foliage is chartreuse-green and shiny, with cheery yellow star flowers appearing from spring to fall; a vigorous groundcover

Ornamental Features

Green And Gold is bathed in stunning yellow star-shaped flowers with brown eyes along the stems from mid spring to mid fall. Its attractive glossy heart-shaped leaves remain forest green in color with hints of chartreuse throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Green And Gold is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging 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, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Green And Gold is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Green And Gold will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 10 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium 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 partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It is quite adaptable, prefering to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America. It can be propagated by division.

Green And Gold is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.