Plenus Golden Bird's-foot

Lotus corniculatus 'Plenus'



Plenus Golden Bird's-foot foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 2 inches

Flower Height: 4 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Bird's-foot Trefoil

Description:

Stunning golden yellow pea flowers sit atop of bright green, low spreading mounds of foliage; excellent in hot and sunny locations; a semi-evergreen selection good for groundcover or edging; tolerates regular mowing; drought tolerant once established

Ornamental Features

Plenus Golden Bird's-foot features showy gold pea-like flowers with yellow overtones along the stems from mid spring to early summer. Its small round leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Plenus Golden Bird's-foot is an herbaceous perennial with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Plenus Golden Bird's-foot is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Plenus Golden Bird's-foot will grow to be only 2 inches tall at maturity extending to 4 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 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 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!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. 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. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Plenus Golden Bird's-foot is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its trailing 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.