Sanchezia

Sanchezia nobilis



Sanchezia
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Height: 8 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Golden Vein Plant

Description:

A spectacular, low maintenance shrub featuring dark green foliage with striking white, cream, or gold veins; yellow tubular flowers with orange bracts appear in summer; grows tall in frost free areas, and to about 4 feet after winter dieback

Ornamental Features

Sanchezia features showy clusters of yellow tubular flowers with orange bracts at the ends of the branches from early to late summer. Its attractive large glossy oval leaves emerge lemon yellow in spring, turning dark green in color with distinctive white veins and tinges of gold the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

Sanchezia is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cut back to the ground in late winter before active growth resumes. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Sanchezia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Sanchezia will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. Although it is technically a woody plant, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as a perennial in our climate if planted outdoors over the winter, usually regrowing from its base (crown) the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

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 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. 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 rich soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.

Sanchezia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.