Beach Primrose

Camissonia cheiranthifolia



Beach Primrose flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Beach Suncup, Camissoniopsis cheiranthifolia

Description:

An excellent trailing, prostrate plant offering an abundance of sunny yellow flowers over a long season; a coastal native that does very well in sand, but showiest in rich loam with some irrigation; makes an excellent coastal ground cover or border front

Ornamental Features

Beach Primrose features dainty lightly-scented yellow cup-shaped flowers along the stems from early spring to early fall, which emerge from distinctive orange flower buds. Its small tomentose oval leaves emerge light green in spring, turning bluish-green in color with hints of silver the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

Beach Primrose 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 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 bees and butterflies to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading
- Self-Seeding

Beach Primrose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Beach Primrose will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 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 dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. 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 does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America. It can be propagated by division.

Beach Primrose 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 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.