Mongolian Gold Clematis

Clematis fruticosa 'Mongolian Gold'

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A lovely variety providing an abundance of nodding, yellow flowers from late spring to fall on arching cinnamon stems with deep green foliage; mounding habit; very adaptable with exceptional drought tolerance; low maintenance

Ornamental Features

Mongolian Gold Clematis features bold nodding gold recurved flowers with yellow overtones at the ends of the stems from late spring to early fall. Its oval leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season. The brick red stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Mongolian Gold Clematis is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. 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 should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Mongolian Gold Clematis is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting



Mongolian Gold Clematis flowers
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Mongolian Gold Clematis in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Mongolian Gold Clematis will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 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 is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any 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 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 type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Mongolian Gold Clematis is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.