Ground Cover Comfrey

Symphytum grandiflorum

Plant Height: 8 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 20 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3



Ground Cover Comfrey flowers
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Ground Cover Comfrey in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Ground Cover Comfrey features delicate clusters of creamy white bell-shaped flowers with lemon yellow overtones at the ends of the stems from late spring to early summer. Its pointy leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Ground Cover Comfrey is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced garden composition.

This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. 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;

- Invasive

Ground Cover Comfrey is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Ground Cover Comfrey will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 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 20 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 10 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 performs well in both full sun and full shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. It can be propagated by division.