



Solid Gold Spurge

Euphorbia sikkimensis 'Solid Gold'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ☐

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Thornless Spurge

Description:

A visually striking shrub; upright stems are thornless; narrow, green glossy leaves are crowned with seasonally blooming clusters of yellow flowers with bright yellow bracts; it really lights up the garden or borders; also great for rock gardens

Ornamental Features

Solid Gold Spurge features showy clusters of yellow flowers with yellow bracts held atop the branches from late spring to mid fall. It has attractive bluish-green evergreen foliage. The glossy narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain bluish-green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Solid Gold Spurge is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. 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.

Solid Gold Spurge is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



Solid Gold Spurge flowers
 Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Planting & Growing

Solid Gold Spurge will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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 is a selected variety of a species 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 cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Solid Gold Spurge makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use 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 grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.