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Starlight Prettyface



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Triteleia ixioides 'Starlight'

Plant Height: 12 inches

Flower Height: 20 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 8 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 8a

Other Names: Golden Star, Golden Brodiaea, Ithuriel's Spear

Description:

A free flowering perennial featuring loose umbels filled with star shaped, butter yellow flowers with pale purple stripes; blooms rise on long, slender stalks in late spring until summer dormancy; a long lasting cut flower



Starlight Prettyface flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Starlight Prettyface features showy clusters of buttery yellow star-shaped flowers with violet stripes rising above the foliage from late spring to early summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its grassy leaves remain lime green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Starlight Prettyface is an herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. 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 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Starlight Prettyface is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

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Planting & Growing

Starlight Prettyface will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity extending to 20 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 8 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium 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! As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species. It can be propagated by multiplication of the underground bulbs; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Starlight Prettyface 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. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

This plant is not reliably hardy in our region, and certain restrictions may apply; contact the store for more information.