Golden Mockorange

Philadelphus coronarius 'Aureus'



Golden Mockorange flowers
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Height: 7 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Description:

A beautiful and versatile shrub featuring rich golden foliage and fragrant white flowers in early summer, color tends to fade to yellow-green over the summer; not a profuse bloomer, use for foliage color; very adaptable and easy to grow

Ornamental Features

Golden Mockorange features showy clusters of fragrant white flowers with yellow eyes at the ends of the branches in late spring. It has attractive yellow deciduous foliage. The serrated oval leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color.



Golden Mockorange in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

Golden Mockorange is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous 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 has no significant negative characteristics.

Golden Mockorange is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Golden Mockorange will grow to be about 7 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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.



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