Helios Golden Clematis

Clematis tangutica 'Helios'



Helios Golden Clematis flowers
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Height: 10 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

A showy and vigorous climber with a plethora of dainty, nodding yellow, bell-shaped flowers from midsummer into fall, followed by decorative seed pods that last into winter; loves to climb and makes a dense screen

Ornamental Features

Helios Golden Clematis features delicate lightly-scented nodding yellow bell-shaped flowers with crimson anthers at the ends of the branches from mid summer to early fall. It has green deciduous foliage. The compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color. The silver fruits are carried on plumes from early fall to late winter.

Landscape Attributes

Helios Golden Clematis is a multi-stemmed deciduous woody vine with a twining and trailing 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 woody vine. It is a Type 3 clematis; each spring it should be pruned back to within a few inches of the ground, as it flowers on new wood of the season. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Helios Golden Clematis is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Helios Golden Clematis will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. As a climbing vine, it tends to be leggy near the base and should be underplanted with low-growing facer plants. It should be planted near a fence, trellis or other landscape structure where it can be trained to grow upwards on it, or allowed to trail off a retaining wall or slope. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This woody vine 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. 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.