Gingersnap™ Potentilla

Potentilla fruticosa 'Hachapp'



Gingersnap Potentilla flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Bush Cinquefoil, Shrubby Cinquefoil

Description:

A compact mounded shrub with an abundance of apricot-yellow flowers covering the plant all summer and fine textured green foliage; best in light afternoon shade, but very hardy, tough and adaptable to all conditions; dislikes wet soils

Ornamental Features

Gingersnap Potentilla is covered in stunning peach flowers with gold eyes and yellow centers at the ends of the branches from late spring to mid fall. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The small narrow compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color. The red stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Gingersnap Potentilla is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies 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.

Gingersnap Potentilla is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Gingersnap Potentilla will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a slow 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 is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. 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 selection of a native North American species.