

Hypericum prolificum



Species Native to Missouri

Common Name: SHRUBBY ST. JOHN'S WORT

Type: Deciduous shrub

Family: Hypericaceae

Native Range: Central and eastern North America

Zone: 3 to 8

Height: 1.00 to 5.00 feet

Spread: 1.00 to 4.00 feet

Bloom Time: June to August

Bloom Description: Yellow

Sun: FULL SUN to PART SHADE

Water: Medium

Maintenance: Low

Suggested Use: Hedge

Flower: Showy

Attracts: Birds

Tolerate: Drought, Erosion, Clay Soil, Black Walnut, DEER

Culture Easily grown in average, medium, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Tolerates wide range of soils, including dry rocky or sandy soils. Also tolerates some drought. Blooms on new growth. Prune in early spring.

Noteworthy Characteristics *Hypericum prolificum*, is a Missouri native plant that occurs on rocky ground, dry wooded slopes, uncultivated fields, gravel bars along streams and in low, moist valleys. A compact, deciduous, rounded shrub with an erect habit that typically grows 1-4' (less frequently to 5') tall. Features 5-petaled, bright yellow flowers (to 1" diameter) with numerous, yellow stamens. Stamens are bushy to the point of partially obscuring the petals (hence the species name of *prolificum* which refers to the stamens). Flowers appear in terminal or axillary clusters (cymes) from early to mid summer. Dark green, narrow, oblanceolate leaves are 1-3" long and 0.25-0.5" wide. Cone-shaped seed capsules split in autumn to release black seeds. Bark of older stems exfoliates to reveal attractive, pale orange inner bark.

Uses Mass or group in the shrub border or native plant garden. Can be grown as a hedge. Also useful for stabilizing embankments.

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