Plant Finder

Creeping Jenny

Lysimachia nummularia

Height: 4 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Other Names: Moneywort

Description:

A vigorous and pervasive groundcover, yet not overly aggressive, featuring very showy yellow flowers all summer long held over a low carpet of uniquely paired leaves; almost indestructible, a great groundcover for sun or shade

Ornamental Features

Creeping Jenny is smothered in stunning lightly-scented gold cup-shaped flowers along the stems from late spring to mid summer. Its round leaves remain emerald green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Creeping Jenny is a dense spreading perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Creeping Jenny flowers
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Creeping Jenny in bloom
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Creeping Jenny is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Creeping Jenny will grow to be only 4 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast 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!

This plant performs well in both full sun and full shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 species is not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division.

Creeping Jenny is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.