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Golden Club *Orontium aquaticum*

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Description:

An interesting, marginal aquatic plant that grows in shallow, slow moving water or at the edge of a pond; spreads by slowly creeping rhizomes; unusual yellow tipped flower spikes in spring add interest to this water feature plant

Ornamental Features

Golden Club features unusual spikes of white tubular flowers with yellow tips rising above the foliage from early to late spring. Its large narrow leaves remain bluish-green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Golden Club is an herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Golden Club is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Water Gardens
- Container Planting
- Bog Gardens



Golden Club foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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Planting & Growing

Golden Club will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a slow 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It is an excellent choice for very wet locations or locations with some standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America. It can be propagated by division.

Golden Club is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. 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.