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Lonicera x brownii 'Gessell's Gold'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Other Names: Brown's Honeysuckle

Description:

An exceptional vine with pure yellow-gold tubular flowers that bloom intensely in spring and sporadically over the rest of the season; a fine choice for covering an arbor or pergola or climbing up a trellis

Ornamental Features

Gessell's Gold Trumpet Honeysuckle features showy clusters of lemon yellow trumpet-shaped flowers with gold throats at the ends of the branches from mid spring to mid summer. It has forest green deciduous foliage which emerges coppery-bronze in spring. The oval leaves do not develop any appreciable fall colour.

Landscape Attributes

Gessell's Gold Trumpet Honeysuckle is a multi-stemmed deciduous woody vine with a twining and trailing habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance woody vine, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Gessell's Gold Trumpet Honeysuckle is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Gessell's Gold Trumpet Honeysuckle will grow to be about 20 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.



Gessell's Gold Trumpet Honeysuckle flowers
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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 winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.