

## Tremontia Forsythia



### Tremontia Forsythia *Forsythia x intermedia 'Tremontia'*

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Border Forsythia, Goldenbells

#### Description:

A large upward spreading shrub suited to borders or as a landscape accent; brilliant yellow bell-shaped flowers in spring along the branches and light green foliage have made this a garden favorite for early spring color

#### Ornamental Features

Tremontia Forsythia is bathed in stunning lemon yellow bell-shaped flowers along the branches in early spring before the leaves. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The serrated pointy leaves turn yellow in fall.

#### Landscape Attributes

Tremontia Forsythia is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Tremontia Forsythia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

#### Planting & Growing

Tremontia Forsythia will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.



*Tremontia Forsythia* foliage  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Tremontia Forsythia makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Its large size and upright habit of growth lend it for use as a solitary accent, or in a composition surrounded by smaller plants around the base and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.