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Yellow Alpine Pasqueflower



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Pulsatilla alpina 'ssp. *apiifolia*'

Plant Height: 8 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 9 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Other Names: Prairie Crocus

Description:

A yellow form that produces a beautiful cluster of furry buds followed by large sulfur yellow flowers in the spring over the green fern-like foliage; an ideal rockery plant that improves with time if left alone

Ornamental Features

Yellow Alpine Pasqueflower has yellow cup-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems in mid spring, which are interesting on close inspection. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its deeply cut ferny compound leaves remain green in color throughout the season. The silver fruits are carried on plumes from early summer to early fall.

Landscape Attributes

Yellow Alpine Pasqueflower is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. 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.

Yellow Alpine Pasqueflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use



Yellow Alpine Pasqueflower flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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Planting & Growing

Yellow Alpine Pasqueflower will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 9 inches apart. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.