



**Chiba Gold Japanese Kerria**  
*Kerria japonica 'Chiba Gold'*

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Japanese Rose, Yellow Rose of Texas, Easter Rose

**Description:**

Spring blooming shrub with golden flowers and arching habit; the blooms look like single roses; colorful bright green stems with chameleon leaves that are chartreuse in spring, ivory in summer and then yellow in fall; spreads by suckering to form a mass

**Ornamental Features**

Chiba Gold Japanese Kerria features showy yellow flowers along the branches from early to mid spring. It has attractive creamy white-spotted lime green foliage which emerges gold in spring. The serrated oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn yellow in fall. The smooth bark and lime green branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

**Landscape Attributes**

Chiba Gold Japanese Kerria is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. 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.



*Chiba Gold Japanese Kerria flowers*  
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*Chiba Gold Japanese Kerria in bloom*  
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This is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care and upkeep, 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. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Chiba Gold Japanese Kerria is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

### Planting & Growing

Chiba Gold Japanese Kerria will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, 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.

This shrub performs well in both full sun and full shade. 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. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Chiba Gold Japanese Kerria makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants 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.



*Chiba Gold Japanese Kerria in bloom  
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