



Golden Wood Rush

Luzula sylvatica 'Aurea'

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ☐ ☒ ☐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

This compact mound has slender, arching, grassy foliage; the leaves are yellow to chartreuse during the summer, then turning brown in cold climates at winter; great for naturalizing woodland areas or in containers

Ornamental Features

Golden Wood Rush is primarily valued in the garden for its cascading habit of growth. It features airy clusters of green flowers rising above the foliage from late spring to early summer. Its grassy leaves are gold in color. The foliage often turns brown in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Golden Wood Rush is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a shapely form and gracefully arching foliage. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Golden Wood Rush is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting



Golden Wood Rush foliage
 Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Planting & Growing

Golden Wood Rush will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant performs well in both full sun and full shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. 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. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Golden Wood Rush is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.