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Vancouver Gold Woadwaxen
Genista pilosa 'Vancouver Gold'

Height: 8 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A brilliant spreading groundcover or massing plant smothered in radiant yellow flowers in spring along arching branches; requires dry, extremely well drained, poor (low fertility) sandy soils for best growth, very useful in those difficult locations

Ornamental Features

Vancouver Gold Woadwaxen is covered in stunning gold pea-like flowers along the branches from mid to late spring. It has green deciduous foliage. The small oval leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color. The lime green stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Vancouver Gold Woadwaxen is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a ground-hugging habit of growth. It lends an extremely fine and delicate texture to the landscape composition which should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Vancouver Gold Woadwaxen is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover



Vancouver Gold Woadwaxen in bloom
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Vancouver Gold Woadwaxen flowers
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Planting & Growing

Vancouver Gold Woadwaxen will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in 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 particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for sandy, alkaline soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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.

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