



Forsythia Northern Gold (*Forsythia x intermedia*)

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Forsythia is a fast-growing deciduous shrub in the olive family. It has brilliant yellow flowers that bloom in early spring before its leaves appear. The flowers are bell-shaped with four petals. Flower buds are formed in the fall and bloom on old wood. This cultivar was developed to withstand the harsh weather of northern climates and is great as a shrub or hedge border.

Type	Deciduous shrub
Hardiness Zone	3 - 8
Sun	Full sun (6 - 8 hours)
Bloom Time	Early spring
Height	6 - 8 feet
Spread	Up to 7 feet
Tolerance	Drought tolerant
Attracts	Birds and butterflies
Additional Features	Deer and Japanese beetle resistant

Soil and Site Recommendations

- Drainage: prefers well-drained soil
- Soil pH: between 7.0 - 8.0 (neutral)
- Type: clay, loam
- Placement considerations: sunny locations with plenty of growing space

Planting Recommendations

- Type: can be grown from seed or commercial propagation
- When to plant: spring
- Depth of planting: If purchased, follow instructions given with shrub.
- Mulching: recommended
- Spread: will spread to 7 feet wide
- Division/transplant tips: low-hanging branches that take root may be transplanted.



Maintenance

- Watering: medium/drought resistant
- Fertilization: recommended
- Annual maintenance: prune in spring after flowering

Common Problems

Disease: no serious disease

Insects: no serious disease

Resources

<https://www.hort.extension.wisc.edu>

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Questions or problems: “What’s wrong with my plant” for information on garden pests and diseases:

<http://apps.extension.umn.edu/garden/diagnose/plant/>

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