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Night Light Moneywort

Lysimachia alfredii 'Night Light'

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Creeping Jenny

Description:

A vigorous and pervasive groundcover, yet not overly aggressive, featuring very showy yellow flowers all season, held over a low mound of interesting gray-green, red and burgundy leaves; almost indestructible; also a great cascading plant on garden walls

Ornamental Features

Night Light Moneywort is bathed in stunning lightly-scented yellow cup-shaped flowers along the stems from late spring to mid fall. Its attractive oval leaves emerge chartreuse in spring, turning grayish green in color with showy burgundy variegation and tinges of tomato-orange throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Night Light Moneywort is a dense spreading perennial with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.



Night Light Moneywort foliage
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This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Night Light Moneywort is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets



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Planting & Growing

Night Light Moneywort will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 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 10 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 prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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. 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.

Night Light Moneywort is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its trailing habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.