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Wisley Primrose Rock Rose

Helianthemum nummularium 'Wisley Primrose'



Wisley Primrose Rock Rose flowers
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Plant Height: 6 inches

Flower Height: 8 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 15 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Wisley Primrose Sun Rose

Description:

A charming variety for the rock garden, gravel scree, alpine trough, or as edging along a sunny walkway; spectacular pale yellow flowers appear in late spring through mid summer above silvery gray-green foliage; lightly shear after blooming

Ornamental Features

Wisley Primrose Rock Rose is bathed in stunning buttery yellow cup-shaped flowers with yellow eyes at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid summer. Its tomentose narrow leaves remain grayish green in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Wisley Primrose Rock Rose is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Wisley Primrose Rock Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Wisley Primrose Rock Rose will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity extending to 8 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 15 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 7 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. 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 pH, but grows best in poor soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. 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.

Wisley Primrose Rock Rose 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.