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Osiris Fantasie Rayflower

Ligularia stenocephala 'Osiris Fantasie'

Osiris Fantasie Rayflower foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 24 inches

Flower Height: 3 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

Attractive, rich, dark green heart shaped leaves are wavy and deeply serrated showing off the burgundy undersides; interesting dark purple stems carry bright yellow flowers above; great for a shady border planting

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Ornamental Features

Osiris Fantasie Rayflower features bold spikes of yellow flowers rising above the foliage in late summer. Its attractive large serrated heart-shaped leaves remain dark green in color with curious burgundy undersides throughout the season. The deep purple stems are very colorful and add to the overall interest of the plant.

Landscape Attributes

Osiris Fantasie Rayflower is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced garden composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Osiris Fantasie Rayflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Bog Gardens

Planting & Growing

Osiris Fantasie Rayflower will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity extending to 3 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 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 partial shade to shade. It prefers to grow in moist to wet soil, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich 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.