



Golden Wood Millet
Milium effusum 'Aureum'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Golden Millet Grass, Bowles' Golden Grass

Description:

A brilliant plant for a shady area, this semi-evergreen grass gets going in early spring and forms a rich yellow mound, which matures to a bright greenish yellow; golden flowers form a haze in summer; great for a shady border or in a woodland planting

Ornamental Features

Golden Wood Millet's attractive grassy leaves emerge yellow in spring, turning chartreuse in color. As an added bonus, the foliage turns a gorgeous gold in the fall. It features airy plumes of gold flowers rising above the foliage in mid summer. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

Golden Wood Millet is a dense herbaceous perennial grass with a shapely form and gracefully arching stems. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Golden Wood Millet is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting



Golden Wood Millet
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Golden Wood Millet foliage
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Planting & Growing

Golden Wood Millet will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. 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.

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate 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 selection of a native North American species. 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.

Golden Wood Millet is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

