



**Golden Peep Forsythia**  
*Forsythia x intermedia 'Courdijau'*

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Border Forsythia, Goldenbells

**Description:**

A compact, low growing shrub with golden-green foliage all season long; striking gold flowers cover the branches in early spring ahead of the leaves; makes a fine color accent in the garden

**Ornamental Features**

Golden Peep Forsythia is draped in stunning gold bell-shaped flowers along the branches in early spring before the leaves. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has attractive chartreuse foliage throughout the season. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

**Landscape Attributes**

Golden Peep Forsythia is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. 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.

Golden Peep Forsythia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Golden Peep Forsythia flowers*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

### **Planting & Growing**

Golden Peep Forsythia will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under typical garden conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Golden Peep Forsythia makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use 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 grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.