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Pygmaea Helvola Hardy Water Lily*

Nymphaea 'Pygmaea Helvola'



Pygmaea Helvola Hardy Water Lily flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Dwarf Yellow, Helvola Pygmy, Pygmy Yellow

Group/Class: Miniature Water Lily

Description:

Small, dainty, pale yellow flowers with golden-yellow centers; attractive, tiny green leaves are mottled in burgundy; a beautiful addition to a small pond or container garden; easy to care for; water lilies dislike moving water



Pygmaea Helvola Hardy Water Lily in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Pygmaea Helvola Hardy Water Lily features showy fragrant semi-double lemon yellow cup-shaped flowers with gold eyes at the ends of the stems from late spring to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive tiny glossy round leaves emerge burgundy in spring, turning green in color with showy burgundy variegation and tinges of chartreuse the rest of the year.

Landscape Attributes

Pygmaea Helvola Hardy Water Lily is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a low habit of growth, spreading atop the surface of the water. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other garden plants with finer foliage.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Pygmaea Helvola Hardy Water Lily is ideally suited for growing in a pond, water garden or patio water container, and is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Water Gardens
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting
- Bog Gardens

Planting & Growing

Pygmaea Helvola Hardy Water Lily will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the water. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. As an aquatic plant, it requires a suitable water garden environment and will benefit from special planting and ongoing care practices; consult one of our in-store experts for further details and instructions. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.

Pygmaea Helvola Hardy Water Lily is a fine choice for the water garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading 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 grown in outdoor pots and containers, aquatic plants like this one will require a special growing environment that meets their requirement for consistent moisture.

** This is a 'special order' plant - contact store for details*