Golden Dalmatian Bellflower

Campanula portenschlagiana 'Aurea'



Golden Dalmatian Bellflower in bloom
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Height: 8 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Description:

Dense with a spreading habit featuring golden yellow foliage and violet colored bell-shaped flowers; foliage turns slightly green as the season progresses; a great addition to rock gardens, beds, borders and patio containers; low maintenance

Ornamental Features

Golden Dalmatian Bellflower is smothered in stunning violet bell-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid summer. Its attractive small round leaves emerge gold in spring, turning yellow in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Golden Dalmatian Bellflower is an herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Golden Dalmatian Bellflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Golden Dalmatian Bellflower 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 ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 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 full sun to partial shade. 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. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. 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.

Golden Dalmatian Bellflower is a fine choice for the 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 growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.