



2020 Native Woody of the Year

Hypericum prolificum Shrubby St. John's-wort

A compact, mounded deciduous shrub with long-blooming, prolific bright-yellow flowers abuzz with pollinators in summer. The large number of stamens appear as a puff in the center of the flower head. The red-purple bark of older stems exfoliates to reveal an attractive, pale-orange inner bark. Useful as a hedge. Tolerates some drought. Deer resistant. A favorite of bees. Threatened in New York and Endangered in New Jersey.

- Hardiness:** Zones 3–8
Light: Sun to part shade
Soil: Average
Size: 1–4' tall
Foliage: Dark green, elongated
Flowers: 5-petaled, bright-yellow in clusters
Fruit: Cone-shaped seed capsules
Bloom Time: June to August
Wildlife Value: Mostly pollinated by bumble bees that collect pollen for their larvae. No nectar reward. Host plant for some butterflies and moth species.



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