**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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