

# Shrubby St. John's Wort

Scientific Name: *Hypericum prolificum*



<u>Life Cycle</u>	<u>Plant Height</u>	<u>Plant Spacing</u>	<u>Soil Moisture</u>	<u>Sun Exposure</u>	<u>Bloom Period</u>
Perennial	4 feet	3 - 4 feet	Medium	Full, Partial	July - September

This shrub will naturally form a round-bush appearance but can be pruned early spring for a more mounded shape. An absolute bee magnet that is not picky about its sun and soil needs. It is rare that you get such beauty out of something so hardy. Able to grow under just about any soil condition you could throw at it, this lovely shrub is also quite resistant to deer and rabbits. Its secret lies in the toxic substances within its tissues that irritate the gastrointestinal tracts of mammals. It is a host plant for a variety of caterpillars and very attractive to a wide array of pollinators. Bumblebees are especially fond of the bright yellow flowers. Check out the amazing buzz on a shrub here at Prairie Moon in this [VIDEO](#) (only in the PDF). On the decline in some parts of its range, this species is actually considered threatened in New York and endangered in New Jersey. In the wild it can be found growing everywhere from stream banks to barren, rocky outcrops. This is a great addition to a native garden as it provides aesthetic appeal as well as ecosystem function.

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