



Merrybells
Uvularia grandiflora

Plant Height: 16 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Great Merrybells, Large-Flowered Bellwort

Group/Class: Native

Description:

A clump-forming and spreading member of the lily family with odd nodding sulphur yellow flowers with pointy petals, curious but not showy; ideal for any woodland garden; prefers cooler environments and will often go dormant in the summer



Merrybells flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Merrybells features unusual lemon yellow bell-shaped flowers dangling from the stems from early to late spring. Its pointy leaves remain grayish green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Merrybells is an herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Merrybells is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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



Planting & Growing

Merrybells will grow to be about 16 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 8 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! As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This species is native to parts of North America. It can be propagated by division.

Merrybells 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.

Sizes Available:

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