



Hops

Humulus lupulus

Height: 15 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Description:

A vigorous and perennial vine, with cone-shaped clusters of yellowish fruits which are used in beer making; large leaves; very tough and adaptable; good for screening or a quick cover; needs structural support; cut back to the ground each spring

Ornamental Features

Hops is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. It produces abundant clusters of yellow hop-like fruit from mid summer to mid fall. It has attractive green deciduous foliage. The fuzzy lobed leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall colour.

Landscape Attributes

Hops is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous woody vine with a twining and trailing habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a high maintenance woody vine that will require regular care and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Invasive

Hops is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Hedges/Screening



Hops fruit

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Planting & Growing

Hops will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. As a climbing vine, it tends to be leggy near the base and should be underplanted with low-growing facer plants. It should be planted near a fence, trellis or other landscape structure where it can be trained to grow upwards on it, or allowed to trail off a retaining wall or slope. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This woody vine should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This species is not originally from North America.



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