

Botanical Name: Ribes aureum

Common Name: Golden currant

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a loosely branching plant, with slender arching stems
forming an open canopy; some plants tend to be rather upright, others more
sprawling

Height 2' - 4' (6') Spread equal or more Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers full sun at coastal location, tolerates partial
sun at inland habitats

Soil prefers loose, well-draining soils; tolerates most

Hardiness hardy (zones 14-24): thrives in most coastal foothill
valley areas

Morphology:

Leaves palmate, nearly round, alternate, loosely distributed
along the slender stems; bright green, deeply 3-lobed, each lobe with smaller
indentations; blade 1"-2" long, petioles equal

Flowers bright yellow, tubular, 1" long, with the 5 fused petals
flaring at the opening; in loose drooping clusters; February - April

Fruit a small berry, bronze-red, edible

Propagation: seed or hardwood cuttings

Usage: an excellent filler, valued for its heavy display of
yellow flowers and loose open habit; may be trained onto trellis

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak; periodic summer watering will
prolong the foliage display

Fertilizing none required

Pruning can be left alone; to promote a denser form, selectively
head back

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions attracts hummingbirds

Origin: Central Valley to
L. A. Co. Family: Saxifragaceae