

Botanical Name: Cheiranthus 'Charity Yellow' (Erysimum cheiri)

Common Name: Yellow wallflower

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Brassicaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape small, upright, short-lived perennials which mainly bloom in early spring before summer annuals come in to flower

Height to 12" Spread to 12" Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial shade to full sun near the coast

Soil tolerates most soils with good drainage

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-6, 14-17, 22-24)

Morphology:

Leaves narrowly elliptical, to 2" long, to 1/2" wide, alternate on stems, darker green than other cultivars of Cheiranthus

Flowers terminal cymes of 5-petaled flowers to 1/2" across; the 'Charity' series has red, orange and yellow strains

Fruit long tubular pods with tiny seeds

Propagation: seed

Usage: early spring bedding plant in sunny areas in cool climates, partially shady areas in warmer climates; can be used in containers, mixed with other perennials

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular watering

Fertilizing slow release at planting time

Pruning pinch back to encourage continued blooming

Pests/Diseases flea beetles, snails and slugs

Other Cheiranthus is a genus swallowed up by the newer Erysimum

Origin: Hybrids; species native to western Europe