

Botanical Name: Phlomis fruticosa

Common Name: Jerusalem sage

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape shrubby perennial plant with rounded, upright form; coarse textured leaves and heavy display of yellow flowers

Height 4 to 5' Spread 4 to 5' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to part shade

Soil tolerates any soil with good drainage

Hardiness hardy -- zones 4-24

Morphology:

Leaves oblong to lanceolate, to 8" long, 3" across; wooly gray-green above, almost white beneath

Flowers clusters of yellow, hook-like flowers in rounded tiers throughout the warm season

Fruit woody capsules

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings in spring or summer

Usage: mixes well with Salvias, Artemisias, Lavandulas, etc. on hillside slopes, in dry areas and rustic landscapes; good source of gray foliage color and heavy display of yellow flowers

Landscape Care:

Watering drought-tolerant when established, likes occasional summer water

Fertilizing none

Pruning head back hard in fall to maintain size and form

Pests/Diseases root rot where drainage is poor

Special Conditions resistant to oak root fungus

Origin: Mediterranean Family: Laminaceae