

Botanical Name: Potentilla neumanniana (P. verna 'Nana')

Common Name: Spring cinquefoil

Type of Plant: dicot: groundcover Family Rosaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a prostrate, mat-forming, spreading plant with shiny, dark green, palmate leaves and yellow flowers held above

Height 4 to 6" Spread 1 ft. per plant Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade; blooms best in full sun

Soil tolerates most any soil

Hardiness Hardy - Zones 1-24

Morphology:

Leaves Palmately compound leaves with 5 leaflets held above long petioles; leaves to 1-1/2" across (cing means '5' in French)

Flowers 1/4" to 1/2" diameter buttercup-shaped yellow flowers throughout the warm season; heaviest bloom is in spring

Fruit tiny achenes

Propagation: division of rooting stems; spreads easily

Usage: low groundcover valued for dense foliage, bright flowers and low maintenance; can be used near stepping stones or even as a lawn substitute in low-maintenance gardens

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular watering; likes a cool, moist soil

Fertilizing balanced fertilizer in spring can speed growth

Pruning looks best if sheared or mowed in early spring

Pests/Diseases none significant

Other _____

Origin: Northern Europe