

Botanical Name: Hypericum calycinum

Common Name: Creeping St. Johnswort, Aaron's beard

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character semi-deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape low, mounding prostrate plant with short, upright branches;
forms a spreading mat of foliage, often used as a groundcover

Height to 18" Spread 4 to 5' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors sun to partial shade

Soil grows in any soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 2 to 24); killed to the ground in cold winters

Morphology:

Leaves ovate to oblong, to 3" long, opposite light green--arranged
in 4 ranks along stem -- stems 4-angled

Flowers to 2" across, bright yellow--June through September

Fruit rounded woody capsule

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings -- fall

Usage: good for low facer or filler plant; often seen as a ground-
cover under trees and in open areas; good for erosion control on slopes, but
can be invasive to other plantings

Landscape Care:

Watering likes regular water -- but tolerates drought when
established

Fertilizing balanced every 2-3 yrs., watch for chlorosis

Pruning can be mowed back to ground in dormant season

Pests/Diseases aphids, spider mites

Special Conditions _____

Origin: Eastern and southern Europe Family: Hypericaceae