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## **Hypericum prolificum**

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Shrubby St. John's-wort

[Clusiaceae](#) (Mangosteen Family)

Synonym(s): *Hypericum spathulatum*

Shrubby St. John's-wort is a very small, mound-shaped, **deciduous shrub**, to 3 ft. tall, with dense, upright branching and exfoliating, red to purple bark. Smooth, dark- to blue-green, fine-textured foliage becomes yellow-green in fall. Large, yellow flowers occur singly or in few-flowered clusters. A dry, dehiscent, three-valved **capsule** persists all winter.

This **shrub** adapts to a variety of moisture regimes and is even flood tolerant. It has no serious disease or insect problems. This species is pH adaptable but does extremely well in calcareous sites.

### Plant Characteristics

**Duration:** Perennial

**Habit:** Shrub

**Leaf:** Green

**Fruit:**

**Size Class:** 1-3 ft.

### Bloom Information

**Bloom Color:** Yellow

**Bloom Time:** Jun , Jul , Aug

### Distribution

**USA:** AL , AR , CT , DC , DE , FL , GA , IA , IL , IN , KY , LA , MA , MD , ME , MI , MN , MO , MS , NC , NJ , NY , OH , OK , PA , RI , SC , TN , TX , VA , VT , WI , WV

**Canada:** ON , QC

**Native Distribution:** NY to s. MI & IA, s. to GA, LA & OK

**Native Habitat:** Sandy, open woods; meadows; seepage slopes

### Growing Conditions

**Water Use:** High

**Light Requirement:** Part Shade , Shade

**Soil Moisture:** Dry , Moist

**Soil pH:** Circumneutral (pH 6.8-7.2)

**CaCO<sub>3</sub> Tolerance:** Low

**Soil Description:** Dry, rocky soils.

### Benefit

**Use Wildlife:** Intermediate.

**Conspicuous Flowers:** yes

### Propagation

**Description:** Seeds can be used for propagation but softwood cuttings, which root easily, are the usual method.

**Seed Collection:** Not Available

**Seed Treatment:** Seeds require no special treatment.

**Commercially Avail:** yes