

Chrysogonum virginianum

Green-and-Gold

Tried and True
Native Plant Selections
for the Mid-Atlantic



This low, spreading ground cover forms a star-studded mat that is as attractive at the front of a formal border as it is in a naturalistic setting. In the Mid-Atlantic Region,* it is mostly found in Virginia, where it is common in the Piedmont and lower mountains.

Ground Cover	Mat, Close-up of Flowers and Foliage
Height: ½–1 foot	 
Spread: 1–1½ feet	
Bloom Color: Yellow	
Characteristics	
Mat-forming, semi-evergreen , herbaceous perennial	
Opposite , ovate , toothed, sparsely pubescent leaves	
Single or paired terminal heads with 5 ray florets and 25–50 disk florets bloom March to June, then sporadically summer into fall followed by cyselae with pappi crowns	
Much-branched stem base (cespitose); may self-seed	
Attributes	
Tolerates limited: drought, flooding, and foot traffic; no serious pests or diseases (some susceptibility to mildew); deer seldom severely damage	
Spreads steadily to form broad, virtually weed-free mats; spread easily controlled	
Attracts bees, butterflies, and song birds	
Growing and Maintenance Tips	Excellent Replacement for
Soil Requirements : Average to rich, well-drained	Ficaria verna - Lesser Celandine
Light Requirements : Sun, Partial Shade, Shade	Hedera helix - English Ivy
Water Requirements : Dry, Moist	Lysimachia nummularia - Creeping Jenny
Prefers dappled shade; the more sun it receives, incl. afternoon sun, the more moisture it needs	Pachysandra terminalis - Japanese Pachysandra
Susceptible to crown or root rot if soil is poorly drained, overwatered, or heavily mulched	
Remove spent flower stems for best appearance	
Use as a path edging or ground cover in rain or woodland gardens	*It is native to DC. It is absent in DE and rare in MD and PA. In VA, it is common in the Piedmont and lower mountains (except southwest Virginia), infrequent in the inner Coastal Plain, and rare in the outer Coastal Plain. In NoVa, it is not reported in Arlington County.
Hardiness : USDA Zones 5a–9b	
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