



**Celandine**  
*Chelidonium majus*

Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Greater Celandine, Tetterwort

**Description:**

Cheerful bright yellow flowers on this upright plant were historically are used for their herbal properties; requires even moisture; can spread vigorously by seed, can be used for naturalizing an area

**Ornamental Features**

Celandine has masses of beautiful yellow buttercup flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its deeply cut oval compound leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Celandine is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Celandine is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting



*Celandine flowers*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Celandine will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 12 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is not originally from North America.

Celandine is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.