

Plant "Imagination"

Corydalis Lutea



Corydalis Lutea is easily grown in average, medium, well-drained soil in part shade to full shade. Prefers rich, moist soils that never dry out in part shade, however drainage must be good and incorporating gravel into the soil may benefit a planting. Wet soils in winter can be fatal. Generally intolerant of hot and humid summer conditions. This plant may aggressively self-seed in the garden in optimum growing conditions. If foliage significantly depreciates in hot summers, plants may be cut back to basal leaves.

This species of **Corydalis** (commonly called yellow fumitory or yellow corydalis) is a woodland perennial which typically forms a mound of ferny, medium green foliage to 15" tall and 18" wide and produces bright yellow, short-spurred flowers (3/4" long) in axillary racemes over a long May to September bloom period. Leaves are 2 or 3 pinnate with distinctive 3-lobed leaflets and resemble those of bleeding heart (**Dicentra**) to which it is related. It does well in shaded rock gardens or border fronts. It forms a nice ground cover in shady woodland areas. It is considered a classic cottage garden plant.