Golden Variegated Sweet Flag

Acorus gramineus 'Ogon'

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Other Names: Sweet Flag Grass

Description:

Commonly known as sweet flag, this grass has a unique fan shaped growth, and great for moist or boggy areas; it is gold and green-striped but appears mostly gold; doesn't like to dry out or the tips will burn

Ornamental Features

Golden Variegated Sweet Flag is primarily valued in the garden for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. Its attractive fragrant grassy leaves remain gold in colour with prominent green stripes throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Golden Variegated Sweet Flag is a dense herbaceous perennial grass 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 relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Golden Variegated Sweet Flag is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- *Mass Planting*
- *General Garden Use*
- *Groundcover*
- *Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens*
- *Container Planting*
- *Bog Gardens*

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Planting & Growing

Golden Variegated Sweet Flag will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, 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 moist to wet soil, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Golden Variegated Sweet Flag is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a canvas of foliage against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.