



## Species: *Forsythia x intermedia*

(for-sith'i-ah in-ter-mee'dee-ah)

### Border Forsythia

#### Cultivar Information

This species has many cultivars which vary according to size, form, habit, flower size and shades of yellow flower color.

\* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

#### Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Shrub 4 to 8 feet, Shrub < 4 feet, Groundcover

Height: 8' - 10' (spread 10' - 12')

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape: mounded, arching

Ornamental Other:

#### Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun

Hardy To Zone: 5b

Soil Ph: Can tolerate acid to alkaline soil (pH 5.0 to 8.0)

Environmental Other: best in full sun to maximize flower

#### Insect Disease

Phytophthora can be a problem in poorly drained sites

#### Bare Root Transplanting

Easy

## Other

hybrid between *F. suspensa* and *F. viridissima*, both of Chinese origin; hybridized in Europe; transplant bare root or B & B; renewal pruning is needed after flowering every few years

Cultivars for *Forsythia x intermedia*

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| Cultivar Name      | Notes  |
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| Lynwood Gold       | 'Lynwood Gold' (a.k.a. 'Lynwood')- very heavy bloomer; bright yellow flower that open very wide and are well distributed along the branch; upright habit; purple-tinged fall color |
| Spectabile         | 'Spectabile' - bigger flowers, more floriferous  |
| New Hampshire Gold | 'New Hampshire Gold' - better flower bud hardiness   |
| Northern Sun       | 'Northern Sun' - better flower bud hardiness   |
| Gold Tide          | 'Gold Tide' (a.k.a. 'Courtasol') - low growing to 3'; dense, profuse flowering; an excellent spreading ground cover  |
| Evergold           | 'Evergold' (a.k.a. 'Gold Leaf', 'Goldleaf') - maintain bright yellow leaf color all season long  |
| Fiesta             | 'Fiesta' - variegated foliage, green with a deep yellow center   |
| Karl Sax           | 'Karl Sax' - deep yellow flowers borne horizontally; dense and bushy habit; superior bud hardiness   |
| Spring Glory       | 'Spring Glory' - a better choice for warmer zones (USDA zones 7-8); grows to 10' tall; abundant blooms are deep yellow   |

## Photos



Forsythia x intermedia 'Gold Tide' - Habit, Flowers



Forsythia x intermedia 'Gold Tide' - Habit



Forsythia x intermedia 'Gold Tide' - Habit, Flowers



Forsythia x intermedia - Buds



Forsythia x intermedia - Habit



Forsythia x intermedia - Buds



Forsythia x intermedia - Fruit



Forsythia x intermedia - Habit, Fall Interest



Forsythia x intermedia - Flowers