**Introduction**

This low growing plant can be used on dry sites (Fig. 1). The main ornamental trait is the three inch yellow flowers that contrast with the dark green foliage. The plant can grow a foot tall and can spread 1 1/2 feet. There may be some top kill in winter in cold climate.

**General Information**

**Scientific name:** *Hypericum spp.*

**Pronunciation:** hye-PAIR-rick-um species

**Common name(s):** St. Johnswort

**Family:** Hypericaceae

**Plant type:** ground cover

**USDA hardiness zones:** 5B through 10A (Fig. 2)

**Plants month for zone 7:** year round

**Plants month for zone 8:** year round

**Plants month for zone 9:** year round

**Plants month for zone 10 and 11:** year round

**Figure 1.** St. Johnswort.

**Origin:** native to Florida

**Uses:** foundation; border; mass planting; edging

**Availability:** somewhat available, may have to go out of the region to find the plant

**Description**

**Height:** 1 to 4 feet

**Spread:** 1 to 2 feet
Figure 2. Shaded area represents potential planting range.

**Plant habit:** spreading

**Plant density:** moderate

**Growth rate:** moderate

**Texture:** medium

**Foliage**

**Leaf arrangement:** opposite/subopposite

**Leaf type:** simple

**Leaf margin:** entire

**Leaf shape:** oblanceolate

**Leaf venation:** pinnate

**Leaf type and persistence:** deciduous

**Leaf blade length:** less than 2 inches

**Leaf color:** green

**Fall color:** no fall color change

**Fall characteristic:** not showy

**Flower**

**Flower color:** yellow

**Flower characteristic:** summer flowering

**Fruit**

**Fruit shape:** irregular

**Fruit length:** less than .5 inch

**Fruit cover:** dry or hard

**Fruit color:** brown

**Fruit characteristic:** showy

**Trunk and Branches**

**Trunk/bark/branches:** not particularly showy; typically multitrunked or clumping stems

**Current year stem/twig color:** brown

**Current year stem/twig thickness:** very thick
Hypericum spp. St. - Johns Wort

Culture

Light requirement: plant grows in part shade/part sun

Soil tolerances: sand; occasionally wet; acidic; slightly alkaline; loam; clay;

Drought tolerance: moderate

Soil salt tolerances: poor

Plant spacing: 24 to 36 inches

Other

Roots: not applicable

Winter interest: no special winter interest

Outstanding plant: plant has outstanding ornamental features and could be planted more

Invasive potential: not known to be invasive

Pest resistance: long-term health usually not affected by pests

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