

## Hypericum calycinum

### (Aaron's Beard or St. Johnswort)

A stoloniferous subshrub or shrublet, typically growing 0.5–1 m therefore could be planted as a ground cover. Features large, rose-like, yellow flowers having numerous, bushy stamens with reddish anthers. Flowers appear in summer. Oval to oblong, distinctively net-veined (from beneath) leaves are rich green in sun but are a lighter, yellowish green in shade. Deciduous in cold regions but becomes evergreen under warm climate. Plants of the genus *Hypericum* (some species have been used since ancient times in the treatment of wounds) were apparently gathered and burned to ward off evil spirits on the eve of St. John's Day, thus giving rise to the genus common name of St. John's wort. Easily grown in average, medium, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Tolerates wide range of soils. Thrives on sandy soils in full sun. Spreads rapidly by underground stems and can spread aggressively in ideal growing conditions. Used as a ground cover.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** *Hypericum calycinum*

**Pronunciation:** hy-PER-ee-kum ka-LEE-kin-um

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Origin:** Southeastern Europe and Asia Minor

**Heat Zones:** 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

**Hardiness Zones:** 5, 6, 7, 8

**Uses:** Mass Planting, Wildlife, Erosion control

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Moderate

**Tree Shape:** Spreading

**Canopy Symmetry:** Irregular

**Canopy Density:** Dense

**Canopy Texture:** Fine

**Height at Maturity:** 0.5 to 1 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 1 to 1.5 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

### Botanical Description

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#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Opposite  
**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate  
**Leaf Persistence:** Semi Evergreen  
**Leaf Type:** Simple  
**Leaf Blade:** Less than 5  
**Leaf Shape:** Oval  
**Leaf Margins:** Entire  
**Leaf Textures:** Smooth  
**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance  
**Color(growing season):** Green  
**Color(changing season):** Green

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True  
**Flower Size Range:** 1.5 - 3  
**Flower Type:** Solitary  
**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)  
**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance  
**Flower Color:** Yellow  
**Seasons:** Summer

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage  
**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked  
**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Capsule  
**Fruit Showiness:** False  
**Fruit Size Range:** 0 - 1.5  
**Fruit Colors:** Brown  
**Seasons:** Summer

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Leaf Image

### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part, Shade

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#### Management

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** Needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** No

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** Less than 25

**Edible Parts:** None

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Cutting

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