## **Tagawa Greenhouse**

### **Yellow Variegated Lantana**

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Yellow Variegated Lantana Lantana camara 'Yellow Variegated'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

#### **Description:**

This variety presents bright yellow blooms with gold eyes, over interesting variegated foliage; heat and drought tolerant; great for beds, borders, and containers

#### **Ornamental Features**

Yellow Variegated Lantana features showy cymes of yellow flowers with gold eyes at the ends of the branches from early summer to mid fall. Its attractive tomentose pointy leaves remain green in color with showy lime green variegation and tinges of creamy white throughout the year.

#### Landscape Attributes

Yellow Variegated Lantana is a multi-stemmed annual with a more or less rounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Yellow Variegated Lantana is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets



Yellow Variegated Lantana flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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### **Planting & Growing**

Yellow Variegated Lantana will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Yellow Variegated Lantana is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.