



Summer Shandy™ Hops

Humulus lupulus 'Sumner'

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Description:

A vigorous ornamental climber with cone-shaped clusters of yellowish-green fruit; foliage emerges chartreuse and matures to golden yellow; tough and adaptable, use as a screen or quick cover; needs structural support; cut to the ground in spring

Ornamental Features

Summer Shandy Hops has attractive yellow-variegated deciduous gold foliage with hints of lime green which emerges chartreuse in spring. The fuzzy lobed leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color. It produces small clusters of buttery yellow hop-like fruit from mid summer to mid fall. The flowers are not ornamentally significant.

Landscape Attributes

Summer Shandy Hops is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous woody vine with a twining and trailing habit of growth. Its relatively coarse texture can be used to stand it apart from other landscape plants with finer foliage.

This is a high maintenance woody vine that will require regular care and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Invasive

Summer Shandy Hops is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Hedges/Screening
- Container Planting



Summer Shandy Hops foliage
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Planting & Growing

Summer Shandy Hops will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. As a climbing vine, it tends to be leggy near the base and should be underplanted with low-growing facer plants. It should be planted near a fence, trellis or other landscape structure where it can be trained to grow upwards on it, or allowed to trail off a retaining wall or slope. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years. This is a dioecious species, meaning that individual plants are either male or female. Only the females will produce fruit, and a male variety of the same species is required nearby as a pollinator.

This woody vine does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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.

Summer Shandy Hops makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.