

# GOLDEN KNEE

## *CHRYSOGONUM VIRGINIANUM*

### PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

#### Size

0.5 – 1.0' high, 0.75 – 1.5' wide

#### Sun/Shade

Part shade to full shade

#### Water

Medium to Wet

#### Maintenance

Low

#### Life Span

Perennial, Zone 5-9

#### Description

*Chrysogonum virginianum*, also known as Golden Knee, Goldenstar and Green and Gold is a North American species in the sunflower family. It is an easy growing plant in average medium moisture soil spreading through rhizomes but can also be raised from seed and can self-seed in gardens. Its foliage is low growing (3-4") producing a mat effect with bright yellow star shaped (5 petal) flowers extending above the foliage to 8-10". The blooms occur from May to October in cooler climates but in hotter areas, there is a prolific bloom in the spring and then the flowers die out. They may rebloom again sparsely in the fall. They can survive in full sun but only if the soils are kept consistently moist. To maintain the plants attractiveness, spent flowers should be removed. The Goldenstar has no serious insect or disease issues but does have some susceptibility to mildew. It is an attractive ground cover in woodland areas as well as rain gardens, edgings and borders.

Source: [Missouri Botanical Garden](#), [NC State Extension](#)



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