

FORSYTHIA “ARNOLD DWARF” *FORSYTHIA DWARF*

PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

Size

2 - 3' high, 4 – 7' wide

Sun/Shade

Full Sun to Part Shade

Water

Medium

Maintenance

Low

Life Span

Perennial, Zones 5-8

Description

Forsythia dwarf plants come in a variety of shapes and sizes but all produce some of the earliest spring blooms (March-April) with showy golden yellow flowers arriving before any foliage appears. It easily grows in full sun to partial shade but the best flowers come with full sun. Note that growing Zone 5 may not flower due to harsh winter temperatures or late winter freezes. Forsythia should be pruned after spring flowering to avoid unkempt growth but pruning after mid-July will remove flower buds for the following spring. The deciduous shrub can be cut back to near ground level every 3-4 years. Also, the “dwarf” plant may not flower until the 5th year. Branches that touch the ground will root and expand its footprint which makes this a great ground cover as well as planted for borders, foundations and hedges. It also helps prevent erosion on banks and slopes. It has no serious insect or disease problems although it is susceptible to leaf spot and crown gall.

Source: [Missouri Botanical Garden](https://www.missouri.edu/~garden/)



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