



## Miss Grace Jerusalem Sage

*Phlomis fruticosa* 'Miss Grace'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 6b

### Description:

An interesting clump forming perennial with dense whorls of bright yellow flowers that rise tall on the stems; silvery gray-green woolly leaves are interesting all season; woody and evergreen in zone 8 to 9, but restarts from the ground in colder climates

### Ornamental Features

Miss Grace Jerusalem Sage features bold spikes of yellow hooded flowers rising above the foliage from late spring to mid summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive tomentose narrow leaves remain grayish green in color throughout the year.

### Landscape Attributes

Miss Grace Jerusalem Sage is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 is best cut back to the ground in late winter before active growth resumes. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Miss Grace Jerusalem Sage is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

### Planting & Growing

Miss Grace Jerusalem Sage will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.



*Miss Grace Jerusalem Sage foliage*  
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This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Miss Grace Jerusalem Sage is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use 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.