

Bupleurum - Growing Guide

Caring For Bupleurum Fruiticosum – Shrubby Hare’s Ear

This is an evergreen or semi-evergreen subshrub from Mediterranean areas. It is a superb plant for hot dry coastal conditions and a regular favourite for many of our customers who live in more urban or city situations. It also grows well in chalky districts.

At Ventnor Botanic Gardens bupleurum self-seeds itself in very dry areas below established olive trees. It grows to around 6ft there tall with a loose spreading habit which extends to 8-10ft wide. In Cornwall we have not seen it achieve these sorts of heights but it is certainly a colourful addition to a shrub or herbaceous border with its yellow flowers normally from July to September.

The leaves are an attractive blue-green colour and up to 3in long on slender erect and mainly unbranched shoots. As you can see the flowers are plentiful in terminal umbels all over the plant.



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We find that semi-ripe cuttings root well (with bottom heat) in mid-summer before flowering takes place. Cuttings taken too early or too late in the summer have been a failure here.

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