

Waldsteinia ternata - Growing Guide

Growing Waldsteinia Ternata

W. ternata is a rhizomatous semi-evergreen perennial which is valuable as a spreading (or even invasive) groundcover plant. It is fully hardy and suitable as a groundcover plant on darker shady banks or as an edging to a shaded herbaceous border.

This plant spreads by rhizomes and by extended stolons which reach out to root near the main clump. As such this is a very simple plant to propagate and divide up for planting elsewhere perhaps on a bare bank in a woodland context. This can be done at any time in the autumn or spring.

Both the leaf form and flowers of *W. ternata* have particular attractions. The leaves have three lobes and each is composed of two diamond shaped lateral leaflets on one rounded terminal one. The flowers appear in small clusters or cymes of saucer shaped bright yellow flowers which contrast well against the dark green leaves. The flowers appear in April through to June and the overall height of the plant is around 4in although an individual clump can quickly achieve a spread of up to 2ft.

A simple effective groundcover plant which usually makes an appearance at the very edge of our Chelsea stands.



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