

Herb-of-grace, Ruta Graveolens, Satap - Plant



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Description

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Ruta graveolens, commonly called rue, is native to southern Europe. It is a glabrous, glaucous, woody-based, shrubby perennial with aromatic, fern-like, compound leaves. It typically grows in a mound to 2-3â€™ tall. It has escaped gardens and naturalized along roads, fields and disturbed areas. Notwithstanding its many historical uses, it is primarily grown today for ornamental purposes. Pinnately divided, blue green leaves (to 3-5â€™ long) have oblong/spatulate segments. Foliage has a pungent aroma when bruised and leaves have a bitter taste. Small, 4- to 5-petaled, dull yellow flowers in clusters (flattened corymbs) bloom above the foliage in early summer. Fruit is a brown seed capsule. Ornamental value lies in the delicate blue green foliage. Rue was historically used for a large number of medicinal purposes, but effectiveness and safety concerns now discourage such uses. Leaves are toxic if ingested. Handling plants may cause dermatitis.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Peganum dauricum,rue, common rue or herb-of-grace	White yellow	Summer.	1.5 to 2 feet	Easy to grow

Planting and care

Harmal is a perennial plant which can grow to about 2.5 ft tall, but normally it is about 1 ft tall. The roots of the plant can reach a depth of up to 6.1 m, if the soil it is growing in is very dry.

Leaves are stalkless, 4-8 cm long, irregularly and pinnately cut into 3-5 cm long, 2-5 mm broad, linear-lanceshaped or subelliptic, pointed segments. The flowers are yellowish-white and are about 2.5â€³3.8 cm in diameter. Petals are obovate-oblong, 1.5-2 cm long, 6-9 mm wide.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full Sun	Well drained soil	Medium	20 to 30 degrees C	Apply any organic fertilizer

Caring for Herb

- This low-growing perennial has been a domesticated herb for thousands of years, particularly in Europe. It grows easily in bad soil, propagates on its own and puts out bright yellow flowers that attract swallowtail butterflies.
- Itâ€™s drought tolerant and is a habitat for a beneficial parasitic wasp that feeds on that annoying garden pest, white fly.
- But be careful around rue, especially on sunny days. The unassuming blue-green leaves of *Ruta graveolens* are sprinkled with tiny glands containing rutin, a light-sensitive oil that can raise blisters on bare skin.
- The effect is similar to poison ivy's.

Typical uses of Herb

Special features:

Culinary use: Leaves

Ornamental use: *Ruta graveolens*, commonly known as rue, common rue or herb-of-grace, is a species of *Ruta* grown as an ornamental plant and as an herb. It is native to the Balkan Peninsula. It is now grown throughout the world in gardens, especially for its bluish leaves, and sometimes for its tolerance of hot and dry soil conditions.

References

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