

Horse nettle - Plant



Solanum flavidum

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Description Solanum carolinense, the Carolina horsenettle, is not a true nettle, but a member of the Solanaceae, or nightshade family

Common name: Solanum flavidum

Color: yellow and purple

Bloom time: May , Jun , Jul , Aug , Sep , Oct

Height: 3 ft

Difficulty level: easy to grow

Planting & Care

Silverleaf Nightshade gets its name from the silvery hairs that cover the plant, along with the nettle-like prickles. It grows 1-3 feet tall. The leaves are 2-4 inches long, with wavy edges. Flowers are violet-purple or white, about 2 cm across, with 5 petal-like lobes that are joined at the base, forming a triangular shape at the tip of each lobe. All of them have the prominent, bright yellow stamens that distinguish all the horse nettles.

Sunlight: Full Sun

Soil: well-drained soil

Water: medium

Temperature: 68° to 86°F. (20° to 30°C).

Fertilizer: Apply any organic fertilizer

Care:

- The yellow fruits resemble small tomatoes and remain on the plant for months.
- They are said to be poisonous.
- The lavender, star-shaped flowers with yellow centers look attractive in the silvery foliage.
- But the plant is an aggressive, poisonous weed, spreading steadily from deep rootstocks; in a few states it is classified as a noxious weed.
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Special Feature:

Characteristics distinguishing horsenettle from other nightshades are its perennial spreading roots and prickly stems and leaves. Another distinctive feature

Use

Medicinal use:

- epilepsy.

Culinary use:

- leaves

Ornamental use:

- The plant is used for ornamental purpose

Note:

for medicinal use, please consult appropriate doctor before use.

Reference:

<http://www.flowersofindia.net/risearch/search.php?query=%09Horse+nettle&stpos=0&stype=AND>