# Sunshine Creeping Speedwell

***Veronica repens 'Sunshine'***



*Sunshine Creeping Speedwell foliage*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 1 inch

Spread: 8 inches

Spacing: 6 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 4

**Description:**

An excellent small-area ground cover, or rock garden perennial; forms a flat carpet of tiny golden-yellow leaves, producing small white flowers in late spring; great between flagstones or as a base in containers

**Ornamental Features**

Sunshine Creeping Speedwell is smothered in stunning white flowers at the ends of the stems in late spring. Its tiny round leaves emerge yellow in spring, turning gold in colour the rest of the year.

**Landscape Attributes**

Sunshine Creeping Speedwell is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Sunshine Creeping Speedwell is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

**Planting & Growing**

Sunshine Creeping Speedwell will grow to be only 1 inch tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 6 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain low and dense right to the ground. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Sunshine Creeping Speedwell is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.