Sister Disco® Scotch Broom

Cytisus scoparius 'SMNCSCRY'



Sister Disco Scotch Broom flowers
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Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Description:

A high quality flowering shrub for difficult places with dry, infertile soil; excellent for use in massing; this selection produces blooms of screaming yellow dabbed with bright red, on a densely branched mound; best used in specific landscape situations

Ornamental Features

Sister Disco Scotch Broom is blanketed in stunning yellow pea-like flowers with a red blotch along the branches from mid to late spring. It has emerald green deciduous foliage. The grassy leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color. The lime green stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Sister Disco Scotch Broom is an open multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This is a high maintenance shrub that will require regular care and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Sister Disco Scotch Broom is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Sister Disco Scotch Broom will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for clay, alkaline soils, and is able to handle environmental salt. 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.

Sister Disco Scotch Broom makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.