

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical name	Hypericum 'Hidcote'
Delivery size	Each 9 cm pot · approx. 10–25 cm total height · sets as selected
Habit	Perennial bushy ornamental shrub; partly evergreen depending on winter
Flower colour	Golden yellow, bowl-shaped with prominent stamens
Flowering time	Summer to early autumn, weather-dependent
Expected height	Often about 80–120 cm; specialist profiles also give the 1–1.5 m size class
Expected spread	Around 1–1.5 m in a developed shrub; plan sideways space
Planting time	Spring or early autumn in frost-free soil that is not waterlogged
Spacing	Shop guide: 50–60 cm; allow more sideways space for individual shrubs
Position	Sun to partial shade, well-drained soil and preferably shelter

Care at a glance

Observe, check and adapt care to the position and season. This table provides guidance for everyday practice.

Topic	What to do	Why it helps
Light	Choose sun to partial shade.	Equally abundant flowers are not expected in dense shade.
Water	Check young root balls during establishment and water thoroughly as needed.	A small container has not yet explored garden soil widely.
Soil	Provide well-drained normally supplied soil.	Long-standing wetness burdens roots.
Planting	Plant a thoroughly moist ball at its old height and water in.	Good contact connects new roots to their surroundings.
Space	Consider sideways development and taller branches.	Hidcote is a shrub, not a permanently few-centimetre-high carpet.
Pruning	Lightly shape after flowering as needed; remove dead wood specifically.	Do not equate its care with flat <i>Hypericum calycinum</i> .
Feeding	Consider bed supply and supplement modestly only if needed.	More fertiliser offsets neither poor light nor wet soil.
Winter	Choose shelter and protect containers from strong root temperature changes.	Leaf retention and shoot damage depend on the specific winter and position.

Knowledge that grows

Golden bowls over dark green

Hidcote first catches attention with its open flower form. Five golden–yellow petals make a broad bowl with many fine stamens in its middle. Dark foliage makes the warm tone visible. Flowers sit on a branching ornamental shrub, not a permanently flat carpet. New flowers may appear through summer into early autumn depending on weather and position. A freshly delivered young plant need not carry those flowers yet. Look just as carefully at narrow paired green leaves and young branching: they show the framework of its future garden picture.

A St John's wort for the garden, not the home medicine cabinet

The shop lists *Hypericum Hidcote*. RHS places the cultivar as *Hypericum* × *hidcoteense* 'Hidcote'; these name versions refer here to the same described ornamental shrub. Do not infer that every St John's wort is identical. The familiar medicinal image of *Hypericum perforatum* is neither identity evidence nor a use recommendation for this offer. Hidcote is planted for flowers and shrub habit. Ornamental fruit is no promise either: the Polish nursery association's read cultivar profile describes Hidcote without fruit set. Flowers, leaves and understandable garden care remain the key features.

From a 9 cm pot to a branching shrub

Selectable sets contain young plants in individual 9 cm pots. About 10 to 25 cm total height including pot describes delivery. Later shrub height is often about 80 to 120 cm; specialist profiles also give a 1 to 1.5 m size class. Site and development affect the actual value. Plan sideways spread too. The shop gives 50 to 60 cm spacing for connected planting. More space may suit individually visible shrubs or small neighbouring perennials. Lay pots out before planting so a narrow path does not later run through spreading growth.

Consider light and drainage together

A sunny to partially shaded outdoor spot suits Hidcote. In dense shade, do not expect the same abundant flowers as at a brighter edge. Check soil after rain too: water must drain. A persistently wet hollow stays problematic even with enough sun. Beneath trees, dry soil may instead burden young root balls. Check moisture and structure at the intended spot. Containers need adequate root space and free drainage holes. The small sales pot is a start, not evidence that a developed shrub can remain well supplied in that volume permanently.

Connect the young root ball carefully

Spring or early autumn are often pleasant planting times in frost–free soil that is not waterlogged. Summer planting requires assured water support. Wet the ball fully before removing the pot and plant at the same height. Bring soil into contact, water slowly and then check the actual young root zone. A moist surface further away says little about the old container ball. Water as needed to reach roots and let excess escape. Only new roots explore surrounding reserves. Do not treat an older garden plant and a newly planted young specimen with the same rigid calendar.

Support the cultivar with light pruning

Hidcote is managed as a shrub. After flowering, a light shape correction can arrange encroaching branches; remove damaged or dead wood specifically. Do not automatically transfer pruning ideas for low *Hypericum calycinum*. Before acting, check which branches actually disturb and where healthy growth sits. In normally supplied garden soil, frequent extra feeding is not an aim itself. In containers, follow actual growth and the fertiliser label. If flowers decline, first inspect light, water and development. Additional nutrients do not make a dark or long-waterlogged place suitable.

Winter green depends on winter

Hidcote is described as partly evergreen. How much foliage remains depends on weather and position; shoots may suffer in cold winters. Choose shelter where possible and watch fresh growth after cold weather before hastily cutting the whole shrub back. Containers have less temperature buffering than garden soil. Put them protected outdoors and check root-ball moisture on frost-free days. Do not routinely water frozen soil. A planned edge, functional drainage and close attention to young branches give this golden garden plant a better start than blanket hardiness or flower promises.

Pictures and details

Images and descriptions from this portrait. Decorative items are not included in the offer.



Unchanged original photo of the young plant in a 9 cm pot; total height approx. 10–25 cm, sets as selected.



AI-created detail of a later-flowering garden shrub. No promise of flowers or size on delivery.

Good to know

Is Hidcote the same flat groundcover as *Hypericum calycinum*?

No. It is a bushy ornamental shrub with much more height; pruning and space are considered separately.

When does Hidcote flower?

In summer to early autumn depending on weather and development. A young plant need not flower on delivery.

Why are different botanical names listed?

The shop says *Hypericum Hidcote*, RHS *Hypericum* × *hidcoteense* 'Hidcote'. The same documented cultivar is described here.

How tall does it grow?

Often about 80–120 cm; profiles also give 1–1.5 m as a size class. Delivery height including pot is separate.

Can I make tea from it?

This offer is presented as an ornamental shrub. Membership of *Hypericum* is not a recommendation for consumption or medicinal use.

Does it stay green in winter?

Partly possible, depending on location and winter. Leaf retention and undamaged shoots are not promised.

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