The Rocket Rayflower

Ligularia 'The Rocket'

Plant Height: 3 feet

Flower Height: 5 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Ornamental Features

The Rocket Rayflower features bold spikes of yellow flowers rising above the foliage from late spring to mid summer. Its large serrated heart-shaped leaves remain dark green in color throughout the season. The deep purple stems are very colorful and add to the overall interest of the plant.

Landscape Attributes

The Rocket Rayflower is an herbaceous perennial with a rigidly upright and towering form. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced garden composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

The Rocket Rayflower is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Vertical Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Bog Gardens



The Rocket Rayflower flowers
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The Rocket Rayflower in bloom
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Planting & Growing

The Rocket Rayflower will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity extending to 5 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 3 feet. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. It prefers to grow in moist to wet soil, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. 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.