

F2158 (June 2024)

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North Dakota Tree Selector

General

Scientific Name: *Forsythia x*
'Meadowlark'

Family: Oleaceae (Olive)

Hardiness: Zone 3

Leaves: Deciduous

Plant Type: Shrub

Growth

Rate: Medium

Mature Height: >7'

Longevity: Medium

Power Line: Yes

Ornamental

Flowers: Yellow

Fruit: Green or tan capsule

Fall Color: Purple

Meadowlark Forsythia

Description

A hybrid of early forsythia (*F. ovata*), native to Korea, and Albanian forsythia (*F. europaea*), native to Europe. This is the hardiest of all forsythias evaluated at NDSU. 'Meadowlark' forsythia, a cultivar introduced by North Dakota State University, South Dakota State University and the Arnold Arboretum in 1986, performs well in plantings throughout the Northern Plains. Showy yellow flowers. The largest shrub in North Dakota is 13 feet tall with a canopy spread of 15 feet.

Preferences

Light: Full sun to light shade.

Water: Medium.

Soil: Prefers clay to loam soils, does not tolerate ponding or droughty locations.

Comments

Forsythia is one of the earliest plants to bloom in the spring.



Credits: Tree Selector Website, <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/trees/handbook/th-3-25.pdf>