

Beach Hypericum

Hypericum tenuifolium

Beach Hypericum, more commonly known as Atlantic St. John's wort, occurs on beach dunes and in scrub plant communities frequently associated with wet depression areas. In coastal communities this species is associated with coastal interdunal swales and adjacent low ridges. This plant is a prolific flower producer that attracts numerous pollinators. lowers from June to September with blooms ½ to 1 ¾ inches wide.

No published information on outplanting is presently available for Atlantic St. John's wort but this species has been successfully transplanted in home landscape situations with minimal supplemental irrigation.

Don't confuse this species with common St, John's Wort, *Hypericum perforatum*, which is considered invasive.

Type: perennial subshrub

USDA hardiness zones: 8 through 10

Uses: border; mass planting; container or above-ground planter; naturalizing; accent

Origin: native to Florida

Height: 1 to 1 ½ feet **Spread:** 1 to 2 feet

Plant spacing: 24 to 36 inches

Light requirement: plant grows in full sun

Soil tolerances: acid to alkaline; sand

Drought tolerance: high

Soil salt tolerances: low

Invasive potential: low

Pest resistance: No known diseases or insect pests

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