Hypericum
St. John’s Wort

Mostly deciduous (occasionally semi-evergreen) in Memphis. An arching, multi-stemmed shrub with bright yellow flowers in late summer and fall. For best flower production, plant in full sun. Like gardenias, Hypericum stems are easily desiccated by winter winds. Often they may be top killed but sprout again in the spring. Flowers are followed by berries that are poisonous.

H. androsaemum aka Tutsan – Small bright yellow flowers followed by berries that change from green to red to black. Grows to 3’ tall.
   **Albury Purple** - Yellow flowers followed by red berries, purplish flushed foliage, to 3’.
   **Golden Tutsan** – A golden leaved cultivar to 3’ tall. Yellow flowers followed by red fruit that eventually mature to black.

H. beanii – Golden yellow 2” flowers, open airy habit to 3’ tall.

H. calycinum aka Aaron’s Beard - Bright yellow 3” flowers, spreading growth habit, 18” tall, 24” wide. May be top killed in severe winters, but since it blooms on new wood, no harm is done. Looks best if cut to the ground each spring. Spreads by stolons.
   **Brigadoon** - Low growing to 12”, bright yellow flowers and stunning orange yellow foliage becoming chartreuse in the summer. Looks best protected from hot afternoon sun.

H. frondosum – Attractive blue/green foliage, 2” golden yellow flowers, mounding habit to 4’ tall.
   **Sunburst** - Reddish brown exfoliating bark, bright yellow 2” flowers in mid-summer, upright growth to 3’, more compact than the species.

H. galoides –Mounding habit to 6’ tall, abundant small .5” yellow flowers throughout the summer. Thin willow like foliage.
   **Brodie** – Darker foliage and more compact than the species, grows to 3’ tall and 6’ wide. Flowers slightly larger.

H. kalmianum – Upright, mounding growth to 3’ tall and wide. Thin willow-like foliage, abundant small yellow flowers.
   **Ames** - Similar to the species but reported to be more cold hardy.
   **Blue Velvet (Cflpc-1)** – A selection chosen for its very attractive blue/green foliage and 3-4 month bloom time.
   **Gemo** – Similar to the species but it has a tighter branching habit and a longer bloom time.
   **Sunny Boulevard (Deppe)** - A more profuse flowering seedling hybrid of Gemo, similar in growth habit and bloom time.

H. olympicum – A dwarf plant to 12” tall and twice as wide. Upright habit, deep yellow 2” flowers.
**H. patulum** – Yellow flowers followed by red berries, spreading habit to 3’ tall and twice as wide.

**Sungold** - Bushy, rounded, bluish green foliage, bright yellow flowers followed by red fruit, to 3’ tall and 5’ wide. A little more cold tolerant than most Hypericums. Possibly the same plant as H. kouytcchense.

**H. prolificum** – A native shrub to 4’ tall and wide. Rounded growth habit, small 1” yellow flowers with many prominent stamens that often obscure the petals.

**H. x inodorum** – probably a hybrid between H. hircinum and H. androsaemum.

**Elstead** – A pink berry cultivar, yellow flowers, grows to 3’ – 4’ tall.

**Mystical Series** - All produce bright yellow flowers but different color berries. Developed for the florist market.

- **Mystical Beauty** – Produces salmon-pink berries. Grows to 3’- 4’ tall.
- **Mystical Black** – Produces black berries, grows to 3’- 4’ tall.
- **Mystical Orange** – Produces large orange berries, grows to 3’- 4’ tall.
- **Mystical Red Star** – Produces large red berries, grows to 3’- 4’ tall.
- **Mystical Sweetheart** – Produces small white berries, grows to 3’- 4’ tall.

**Prince Flair (Bosapri)** – Another variety produced for the floral trade. Grows to 5’ tall and wide, yellow flowers followed by orange/red fruit.

**Summer Gold** – A selection with golden yellow new growth that becomes mottled with green in the summer. Yellow flowers followed by green berries that change to red and then black. Grows to 3’ tall and 4’ wide.

**H. x Hidcote** - Compact habit to 4’ tall, very large bright yellow flowers. Sometimes listed as H. hookerianum Hidcote or H. patulum Hidcote.

**H. x moserianum aka Moser’s** – Hybrid of H. patulum and H. calycinum.

**Tricolor** - Spreading growth to 12” tall, bright yellow flowers. Green leaves with an irregular creamy white margin with occasional pink tinges.