

Golden Currant

Ribes aureum var. *aureum*



General Information

- Edible berries: can be eaten raw or cooked. They can be used to make pies, tarts, jams, jellies, syrups and cordials.
- Sun Exposure: full sun or part shade
- Water needs: water only when soil dries
- Cold Tolerance: tolerates cold to 0 - 30° F
- Days to harvest: can take 2-3 years to mature
- Harvest time: June through August

Planting Guide

- Growing from seed: seeds germinate best at a temperature between 65 and 75 F in bright, indirect light.
- Location: grows best where there is ground water available (e.g. in the bottom of slopes, near creeks, or near irrigated areas). On the coast, it prefers full sun. Inland, it prefers part shade and does best when surrounded by mulch. It grows well under oak trees and in mixed chaparral.
- Mulch is recommended; apply 2 to 3 inches of mulch around the shrub to conserve moisture and moderate soil temperature. Rake the mulch as needed to keep it from mounding against the trunk
- Initial watering: water regularly, keeping the soil evenly moist. When the plant is established and displays healthy new growth, decrease watering gradually.

Care Guide

- Irrigation: water only when the soil is dry

- Pruning: Prune after blooming by cutting older stems that are at least 3 years old down to the ground. Older stems are darker in color with peeling outer bark. If necessary, shape the plant by trimming shoots, making the cuts just above strong buds.
- Fertilizer: Golden currant requires no fertilizer

Sources:

- [https://calscape.org/Ribes-aureum-var.-aureum-\(Golden-Currant\)?srchcr=sc5adf1e808fecf](https://calscape.org/Ribes-aureum-var.-aureum-(Golden-Currant)?srchcr=sc5adf1e808fecf)
- [How to Care for Golden Currant](#)
- [Can You Plant Currant Bushes From Seeds?](#)