

# SHELME RDINE

## SECOND NATURE



### Swordleaf Inula

*Inula ensifolia*

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 2a

#### Ornamental Features

Swordleaf Inula has masses of beautiful yellow daisy flowers with gold eyes at the ends of the stems from mid to late summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. Its narrow leaves remain green in colour throughout the season. The fruit is not ornamentally significant.

#### Landscape Attributes

Swordleaf Inula is an herbaceous perennial with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. 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.

Swordleaf Inula is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use

#### Planting & Growing

Swordleaf Inula will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This species is native to parts of North America. It can be propagated by division.



*Swordleaf Inula flowers*  
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