

Lithospermum occidentales Western Marbleseed, Western False Gromwell



Plant type:	Perennial
Season of Interest:	Late spring
Height: 2-3'	Spread: 1-1.5'
Water needs:	Moderate
Native Region:	CO, KS, NE, NM, TX, UT, WY
Elevation:	to 6,100'
Important to know:	rare occurrences in nature



Habitat: Lower foothills, plains, open woods



Ease of Propagation: Difficult

Propagation: After cleaning, freeze the seeds for 2 weeks to kill any pests. Store dry seeds at 40°F for 4-6+ months. Before sowing or cold stratification, give seeds a boiling water soak (place seeds in a Pyrex bowl and pour boiling water over them; allow to cool and soak for 24 hours). Sow seeds in situ in the fall or cold stratify at 40°F for 3 months before the last frost date and sow in cells or in situ. Cover with medium/soil 1/8" deep.