



## ***Potentilla fruticosa*--Bush Cinquefoil**

COMMON NAME: Bush cinquefoil, shrubby cinquefoil. Also known as *dasiphora floribunda*. Other common names are yellow rose, five fingers, golden hardhack, and widdy.

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Potens* is Latin for powerful. *Cinqu* means five and *foil* means leaf.

FLOWER: The flower is yellow, about 1 to 1 1/2 inches in diameter.

BLOOMING PERIOD: It blooms from June to September. The fruit is small, not ornamental.

SIZE: Slow growing and rounded, it is two to four feet high and three to five feet wide.

BEHAVIOR: It is a small deciduous shrub (seasonally loses leaves). It becomes shabby if not pruned. Flowers form on new wood so it can be rejuvenated by pruning the oldest stems every other year. It is easy to grow.

SITE REQUIREMENT: It requires medium moisture, well drained soils.

NATURAL RANGE: It is native across northern US and Canada. It is native in central and northeastern Wisconsin.

SPECIAL FEATURES: It is tolerant for rabbit, deer, drought, clay soil, and air pollution. It attracts butterflies and native bees.

SUGGESTED CARE: It prefers medium water. Prune in late winter. It can be propagated by cutting a 4 inch cutting, removing the flowers and leaves except for the ones at the tip and planting in a pot of soil. Water and keep it in the shade for one month. It also roots when a branch touches the ground. Weigh down the branch with a rock.