

Potentilla 'Tangerine' (*Potentilla fruticosa*)

2-4' bushy fine-textured low-spreading, mounded shrub with neat habit. After 2-3 years, branches take on an arching fountain-like appearance.

CT native, found in limey bogs and fens, outcrops, summits.

'Tangerine' (photos 1, 2, 4) has yellow flowers flushed with orange-copper, at times copper-red. Best color in part sun/part shade. Blooms June, then to first frost.

Small shiny gray-green leaves.

Good subtle fall color.

Slender shiny brown twiggy stems, twisted trunks. Nice in winter, with seedheads. (See summer/fall/winter images below.)

Sun to part shade. Wet to dry soil, ideal conditions being moist and well-drained.

Trim away dead wood in spring. Older stems flower more profusely. However, habit more appealing if oldest stems removed, late winter/early spring, every 3-4 years. A yearly dusting of lime is appreciated.

Very low maintenance, adaptable, often used in difficult/neglected areas (droughty, clay, infertile, flooded). Long-lived.

Use for massing, edging, low hedges, foundations, and in flower borders (where they provide visual structure.)

Erosion control, stabilizes soil. Disturbed dry sites, stream banks, roadsides.

Summer nectar for butterflies. Special value to native bees. Small birds eat seed capsules. Deer resistant.

Photo 1: Classic Roses
classicroses.co.uk/potentilla-fruticosa-tangerine.html

Photos 2, 4: Burncoose Nurseries
burncoose.co.uk/

Photos 3: Pat Breen, Oregon State University; oregonstate.edu/dept/1dplants/3plants.htm#pofr

Photos 5-9: North Central Conservation District

