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Croton flavens

Genus: *Croton*

Specific Epithet: *flavens*

Common Name: yellow balsam, rock
sage, seaside sage

Family: Euphorbiaceae

Flower Color: white

Form: shrub

Hardiness Zone: tropical

Height: 3-5'

Soil: dry soil in rocky, low altitude areas

Uses: economic, medicinal



Croton flavens is native to the Greater and Lesser Antilles and Venezuela, where it grows in dry, rocky coastal areas. It is a shrub, 3 to 5 feet tall, with golden-brown stems, attractive leaves, and a pleasant aroma. The sap is a clear golden color and is used directly on sores and minor injuries. It is also used on a spoonful of sugar for coughs and colds.

– Deni Bown, Promising Plants Presentation, 2003

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