



## ***Rudbeckia laciniata* – Cut-Leaf Coneflower**

COMMON NAME: Cut-leaf coneflower, wild golden glow, green-headed coneflower

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Rudbeckia laciniata* – Olaus Rudbeck (1630-1702) and his son Olof Rudbeck (1660-1740) were professors at Uppsala University in Sweden. The father established the first botanical garden in Sweden. Linnaeus was a student of the son. *Laciniata* comes from Latin meaning slashed or lacerated for the deeply cut leaves.

FLOWER: Yellow drooping petals with greenish brown cones.

BLOOMING PERIOD: July to September

SIZE: 2 to 10 feet tall in a prairie, but more like 4 feet in a garden.

BEHAVIOR: The flower stalks may be branched with each branch topped by a flower. The lower leaves are quite large, up to 10 inches long and deeply lobed. Leaves become smaller higher on the stem and the top most leaves are toothed, but not lobed.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Sun to partial shade; moist, mildly acidic soil.

NATURAL RANGE: Nova Scotia to southern Manitoba and the eastern Great Plains, south to Florida and along the Rocky Mountains to Arizona. It is found throughout Wisconsin in floodplains, lowland forests, marshes and swamps.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Fragrant, deeply-lobed leaves are used in herbal teas. Makes good cut flowers. Attractive to bees, butterflies and birds, being a favorite of finches, chickadees, cardinals, nuthatches and towhees.

SUGGESTED CARE: Water regularly. Cutting off the dead flowers will prolong the blooming period. Spreads by rhizomes.

COMPANION PLANTS: Harebell, cardinal flower, calico aster, green dragon, wild Virginia rye, sugar maple, river birch