



## ***Zizia aurea* – Golden Alexander**

COMMON NAME: Golden Alexander

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Zizia aurea* - Zizia named for Johann Baptist Ziz, a German botanist of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. *Aurea* is Latin for “golden”.

FLOWER COLOR: Bright yellow

BLOOMING PERIOD: Mid May through June

SIZE: 1-2 feet tall

BEHAVIOR: The stems are hairless and rather shiny. The leaves are compound with finely serrated margins. The flowers occur as rounded umbels at the ends of the stems.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: The preference is for full to partial sun although light shade under trees is tolerated. The soil should be moist and loamy. It grows in moist black soil prairies, savannas, thickets, powerline clearings in woodland areas and abandoned fields.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Provides good early color and the flowers are attractive to many kinds of insects and some butterflies.

SUGGESTED CARE: Plant in full sun, water well during the first growing season.

NATURAL RANGE: Nearly all of the eastern two thirds of the US and Canada. In Wisconsin it occurs everywhere except for a few northern counties.

COMPANION PLANTS: Bergamot, bottlebrush grass, Culver’s root, ox eye sunflower, sky-blue aster.