



## ***Solidago ohioensis* – Ohio Goldenrod**

COMMON NAME: Ohio goldenrod

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Solidago ohioensis*, from Latin *solido*, meaning “to make whole or heal” which is a reference to the supposed medicinal qualities of this plant.

FLOWER COLOR: Yellow

BLOOMING PERIOD: August to September

SIZE: 3 – 4 feet tall

BEHAVIOR: Among the largest of the several goldenrod species. Grows from a basal rosette and forms a rather flat-topped clump of small flower heads.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: This goldenrod grows best in moist clay, wet meadows and riverbanks, but will also thrive in good garden soil. Plant in full sun.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Besides the rich clump of flower heads, this goldenrod has superb foliage with lush, lance-like leaves. Ohio goldenrod is a good nectar source for butterflies.

NATURAL RANGE: Ohio goldenrod is not very widely distributed. It grows naturally in Ohio, west to eastern Illinois and north to southeast Wisconsin, plus another area on the northern shores of Lake Huron and Lake Michigan.

SUGGESTED CARE: Space about 18 inches apart in full sun.

COMPANION PLANTS: Bergamot, Cardinal flower, Culver’s root, Prairie smoke, Sweet black-eyed Susan and Wild Iris.