

***Solidago riddellii* – Riddell’s Goldenrod**

COMMON NAME: Riddell’s Goldenrod

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Solidago riddellii* – The name coming from Latin *solido* meaning “making whole” or “healing” for the supposed medicinal value of the plant and John Leonard Riddell (1807-1865), lecturer and botanist in Cincinnati, later professor of chemistry at the University of Louisiana.

FLOWER: Yellow dense clusters of blossoms that are somewhat flat topped

BLOOMING PERIOD: August to October

SIZE: 18 - 42 inches in height

BEHAVIOR: Has a short thick crown just below the surface of the ground and sometimes forms rhizome-like roots. It is a perennial.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: This is a goldenrod that does best in wet to moderately wet calcareous soil.

NATURAL RANGE: Ontario south to Ohio River Valley, west to Minnesota and Missouri. In Wisconsin it is mostly found in the southeast quarter of the state.

SPECIAL FEATURES: The smooth, narrow leaves - often folded in the middle - separate this goldenrod species from other goldenrods. The flowers attract bees and butterflies.

SUGGESTED CARE: Avoid acidic soil or adding amendments that might make the soil more acidic.

COMPANION PLANTS: Tall meadowrue, marsh milkweed, marsh white aster, mountain mint, bluejoint grass, cordgrass, boneset, prairie phlox, and big blue lobelia