



***Solidago speciosa* – Showy Goldenrod**

COMMON NAME: Showy goldenrod

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Solidago speciosa* – from Latin *solido* meaning to make whole or heal for the supposed medicinal qualities; and *speciosa* meaning showy.

FLOWER COLOR: Bright yellow

BLOOMING PERIOD: Late July to September-October

SIZE: Up to 5 ft. tall

BEHAVIOR: Small yellow flowers occur in a compact, erect, pyramidal column. Less invasive than many goldenrods. It forms sizeable clumps, but does spread, and does not reseed aggressively.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Average to dry soils in full sun. It will be in prairies, woods, inland sands.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Properly names one of the most beautiful goldenrods. Its late bloom is attractive with asters and attracts late summer pollinators (butterflies, etc.)

SUGGESTED CARE: Water as needed until established. After that it needs little care.

NATURAL RANGE: Southern New England to North Carolina, Louisiana, Oklahoma and west to Minnesota. It grows in all parts of Wisconsin.

COMPANION PLANTS: Big bluestem, little bluestem, thimbleweed, asters (fall, heath, azure, and smooth), flowering spurge, rough blazingstar, starry Solomon's seal, spiderwort, rattlesnake master, wild bergamot, yellow coneflower, and compass plant.