

Friends of the Arboretum Native Plant Sale



## ***Solidago rigida* – Stiff Goldenrod**

COMMON NAME: Stiff Goldenrod

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Solidago rigida* - the name comes from Latin *solidus* meaning "whole" and referring to supposed healing properties

FLOWER COLOR: Bright yellow

BLOOMING PERIOD: Late July to early September

BEHAVIOR: May become tall on new sites, but usually stands upright well. Can self-sow on open soils, and may become weedy on heavier soils.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Tolerant of a wide variety of soils and variable moisture. Requires full sun.

NATURAL RANGE: Massachusetts to Saskatchewan, south to Georgia, Louisiana and Texas. It is most common in southern and western Wisconsin.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Colorful. An excellent attractor of butterflies, beetles and other pollinators.

SUGGESTED CARE: Plants should need little care after initial watering. Provide lots of competition, especially with grasses, to keep it from getting too tall or reseeding aggressively.

COMPANION PLANTS: leadplant, big bluestem, smooth aster, coreopsis, rattlesnake master, wild bergamot, yellow coneflower, compass plant, prairie dock.