



***Rudbeckia subtomentosa*- Sweet Black-Eyed Susan**

COMMON NAME: Sweet black-eyed susan

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Rudbeckia subtomentosa*

FLOWER COLOR: Yellow ray flowers with a reddish brown disk

BLOOMING PERIOD: July to September

HEIGHT: 3 to 6 feet tall

BEHAVIOR: A robust plant that competes well with other tall species.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: A good plant for wet sites. Also grows well on mesic sites and clay soils. Tolerates more shade than most prairie plants.

NATURAL RANGE: Michigan to Wisconsin, south to Louisiana and west to Oklahoma.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Looks like a shrub with large yellow flowers and dark green, fuzzy leaves. It is taller than black-eyed Susan and has larger flowers than brown-eyed Susan.

SUGGESTED CARE: No special care is required. Size can be controlled by cutting back in late June or early July.

COMPANION PLANTS: Prairie dock, gayfeather, tall meadow rue, yellow coneflower, downy phlox, New England aster, Culver's root and ironweed.