

Solidago rugosa



Rough-stemmed Goldenrod

Tried and True
Native Plant Selections
for the Mid-Atlantic



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Golden sprays of flowers brighten the garden from late summer to frost, supporting 115 species of moths, butterflies, native bees, and other insect pollinators. They also brighten natural habitats across the Mid-Atlantic Region. The cultivar 'Fireworks' is more compact, easier to contain, and flowers more vigorously than the species.

Perennial	Species, 'Fireworks' Cultivar with Pollinator*
Height: 1–6½ feet ('Fireworks' 2½–3 feet)	
Spread: 1½–2½ feet ('Fireworks' 2½–3 feet)	
Bloom Color: Yellow	
Characteristics	
Clumping perennial w/ sturdy, erect, hairy stems	
Narrow, toothed, "wrinkled" leaves	
Tiny ray and disk flowerheads at the ends (and usually on the upper side) of arching stems	
Bloom from August to November	
Spreads by rhizome; can be aggressive	
Attributes	
Tolerates clay soil, wet soil, and light shade	
No serious pests or diseases; deer seldom severely damage	
Especially gorgeous when paired with native purple or blue fall asters; good cut flower	
Ethnobotanic uses; goldenrod pollen does NOT cause hay fever; ragweed pollen does	
Attracts a wide variety of beneficial insects and some birds; larval host to numerous moth species	
Growing and Maintenance Tips	Excellent Replacement for
Soil Requirements: Slightly acidic loam or sand	<i>Coronilla varia</i> - Crown Vetch
Light Requirements: Sun, Partial Shade	
Water Requirements: Moist, Wet	
Remove spent flowers to encourage more blooms	
Use in mixed borders or in butterfly, cutting, meadow or rain gardens or at fresh water's edge	
Hardiness: USDA Zones 4–8	*Numerous beneficial insects and late season pollinators, like pictured common buckeye butterfly, frequent flowers of <i>Solidago</i> species.

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