

Coreopsis verticillata

Thread-leaf Coreopsis, Whorled Tickseed

Tried and True
Native Plant Selections
for the Mid-Atlantic

Showy flower clusters and airy foliage make Thread-leaf Coreopsis as popular in Mid-Atlantic* gardens today as it was in the 19th century. Seventeen specialist bee species feed only on its genus. If you are fond of its appearance but wary of self-seeding plants, then try the sterile, compact cultivar 'Moonbeam' that spreads by rhizomes.



Perennial	Flowers En Masse** and w/ Pollinators,*** Fruit
Height: ½–3½ feet	
Spread: 2–3 feet	
Bloom Color: Yellow	
Characteristics	
Dense, finely textured, bushy clumps	
<u>Glabrous</u> , thread-like, three-parted leaves appearing <u>whorled</u> around the <u>stem</u>	
Yellow composite flowers with 30–40 <u>disk florets</u> in loose clusters (<u>corymbs</u>) late spring to late summer	
<u>Cypselae</u> with <u>pappi</u> lacking or with two awns	
Spreads readily by <u>rhizomes</u> and reseeding	
Attributes	
Tolerates dry/poor <u>soil</u> , drought, heat, and humidity; intolerant of waterlogged soils	
No serious pests or diseases; <u>deer</u> rarely damage	
<u>Ethnobotanic</u> and therapeutic uses	
Attracts bees, wasps, syrphid flies, and butterflies	
Growing and Maintenance Tips	Excellent Replacement for
<u>Soil Requirements</u> : Well-drained	<i>Cosmos</i> species - Cosmos (annual)
<u>Light Requirements</u> : Sun, Partial Shade	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i> - Ox-Eye Daisy
<u>Water Requirements</u> : Dry, Moist	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i> - Bird's Foot Trefoil
Deadhead for continued blooms or shear plants mid- to late summer for fall re-bloom	*It is <u>native</u> to DC and some areas in MD, but unreported in DE and PA. In Virginia, it is frequent to locally common in the west central and northwest mountains, Piedmont, and inner Coastal Plain and rare in the southwest mountains and outer Coastal Plain.
Use in mixed borders, containers, or cutting gardens, or naturalized in meadow gardens	**At the Monarch Waystation, flowers of <i>Verbena</i> appear in the foreground and <i>Lonicera</i> vine 'John Clayton' in the background.
<u>Hardiness</u> : USDA Zones 3–9	***Small bee on <i>Coreopsis verticillata</i> and common eastern bumble bee on <i>C. verticillata</i> 'Moonbeam.'

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