Coreopsis lanceolata

Lanceleaf Coreopsis

This easy-to-grow native flower is common in home gardens. It produces cheerful yellow flowers beginning in late spring and continuing throughout the summer, blooming longer than most other native flowers. Flowers attract many pollinators, especially native bees.

**Characteristics**

- Height: 2 ft
- Spread: 1-2 ft
- Bloom time: May-August
- Perennial

**Attributes**

- 2 inch yellow flowers with lobed ray petals
- Excellent pollinator plant, especially for small native bees; seed heads attract birds
- Flowers continuously throughout summer
- Leaves are slender, irregularly shaped; grow close to the ground, with flowers protruding above

**Growing and Maintenance**

- Soil requirements: Well-drained preferred
- Light requirements: Full Sun, Part Sun
- Water requirements: Low, Medium
- Thrives in a variety of conditions including nutrient-poor, sandy soils and heavy clay
- Extremely drought tolerant
- Grows in clumps and can spread through rhizomes to form large colonies
- Can be divided and transplanted
- Deadhead to extend bloom period and prevent self-sowing (if not desired)
- Commercially sold Coreopsis cultivars are widely available, but may not have the same properties as the native plant

**Native Range**

- Found in most U.S. states, as well as parts of Canada and Mexico
- Found sporadically throughout Ohio, including parts of Northwest Ohio
- In the wild it is usually found in areas with poor, infertile soils

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