

Ratibida pinnata

Yellow Cone Flower

Preferred Water Depth and Inundation Tolerance

Mesic prairie species. Species has no inundation tolerance.

Wildlife Value

Palatable to grazing species in young growth. Attracts butterflies and other insects.

Application/Zone

Extensive fibrous root systems are used to stabilize soil on upland slope buffers.

Availability, Establishment, and Maintenance

- Establishes easily from seed. Seed can be sown in the fall or spring. Best results can be reached by stratifying seed at 33-38° F for 30 days, but this is not essential for germination.
- Older plants can be divided and planted in the spring, but an extensive root system makes this difficult.

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Mature Height

Up to 3 feet

Plant Type

Perennial herb

Indicator Status

Upland

pH

6-7

Nutrient Load Tolerance

Low to moderate

Salt Tolerance

Not available

Siltation Tolerance

Low

Flowering Color and Time

Yellow

July to September

Light Preference

Full sun

Seeding Rate

Not available

