

# Canada goldenrod

*Solidago canadensis*

Minnesota C-Value: 1  
Wetland Indicator Status: FACU  
Native



**Leaves:** 3 veined above the base, narrow, lance shaped and sharply toothed.

**Stems:** Erect stem 1-7 ft tall. Hairy towards the top of the stem, but usually smooth towards base. Stem is reddish in color.

**Flowers and fruit:** Large, nearly pyramidal panicles with numerous small yellow flowers that have 10-17 rays each. Produces numerous windborne seeds in August.

**Plant communities:** Wet meadow fringes, prairies. Also found in ditches and disturbed woodland edges.

**Comments:** Early colonizer of prairies and wet meadow fringes. Looks similar to giant goldenrod (*S. gigantea*), but giant goldenrod lacks hairs on the stem.

