

Goldenrod comparison

Solidago gigantea (Giant goldenrod) vs
Solidago canadensis (Canada goldenrod)



Leaves: Both 3 veined above the base, lance shaped and serrated. Giant goldenrod leaves are generally wider and longer than Canada goldenrod.

Stems: Canada goldenrod has hair on the upper third of the stem while Giant goldenrod is smooth and waxy.

Flowers and fruit: Canada goldenrod has smaller flowers, with a pyramidal panicle. Giant goldenrod has larger flowers with a more sparsely packed panicle.

Plant communities: Both can be found in the same communities, although Giant goldenrod can tolerate more moist conditions than Canada goldenrod.