

Seaside goldenrod

Solidago sempervirens

Description

Sold as an ornamental for wildflower gardens.

Habit

Perennial goldenrod tolerant of standing water, drought, and saline soils.

Leaves

Basal leaves are narrowly ovate to oblanceolate tapering to a winged petiole. Up to 22 inches long and commonly 1.5 to 2.5 inches wide. Stem will have alternating leaves. Leaves on stems are much smaller and get progressively smaller going up the stem. Typically 2-3 inches long and 0.5 inch wide. Stem leaves are lanceolate and sessile.

Stems

Woody caudex, without rhizomes and grow between 18 inches and 10 feet tall.

Flowers

Deep yellow-golden in color, composite flowers





that have disk and ray florets. Inflorescence is pyramidal and flowering occurs from top to bottom.

Fruits and Seeds

Prolific seed producer.

Habitat

Native to the eastern coastal North American. Found in wetlands, prairies, dunes, marshes, lakeshores and roadside ditches.

Reproduction

By seed.

Similar

Other species of Goldenrods (*Solidago* spp.).

Monitoring and Rapid Response

Use an herbicide that contains picloram. Spray each individual plant with herbicide. Wet each plant thoroughly until plant is saturated, but not to the point where herbicide will drip. Allow one growing season to pass before mowing.

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