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Golden Groundsel

Packera aurea

Growing Information

- Sunlight: Prefers full sun to shade.
- Soils: Moist to dry
- Bloom Time: Spring blossoms - April, May, June
- Size: 1ft in height

Also called Golden Ragwort and Butterweed, this rugged plant can handle tough places like rain gardens. It self-seeds and spreads by rhizomes. The foliage is green most of the year and stays low to the ground. In early spring, the aster-like flowers present on 1ft stems above the foliage in a stunning display of yellow-gold.

Garden Companions

Wild Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*), Foxglove Beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis*), Wild Geranium (*Geranium maculatum*)

Nature Benefits

- Nectar and pollen attract small bees, such as little carpenter bees, cuckoo bees, and various halictid bees.

Native Habitat

Occurs naturally in openings in moist to dry woodlands, areas along woodland paths and abandoned fields.