



Yellow Wild Indigo

Baptista tinctoria

Growing Information

- Sunlight: Full sun to part
- Soils: Well-drained average to dry
- Bloom Time: June, July
- Size: 2-3 ft tall with 2-3 ft spread

Yellow wild indigo is also called horsefly weed. It is an upright shrubby perennial with fine textured gray-green leaves and is drought tolerant. In late spring and summer, plants are adorned with many short clusters of bright or creamy yellow pea-shaped flowers. It thrives in harsh conditions and once established is durable and long lived. All *Baptisia* spp. are nitrogen-fixing legumes. They have a symbiotic relationship with the *Rhizobium* bacteria that allows them to utilize atmospheric nitrogen.

Garden Companions

Butterfly Milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*), Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*), Showy Goldenrod (*Solidago speciosa*)

Nature Benefits

- Plants host caterpillars of Frosted Elfin, Wild Indigo Duskywing and Orange Sulfur butterflies as well as the caterpillars of other moths and skippers.

Native Habitat

Occurs in dry meadows, oak barrens, pine barrens, open woods, and fields.