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Zigzag Goldenrod

Solidago flexicaulis

Growing Information

- Plant Type: Perennial
- Sunlight: Part shade, shade, sun
- Soils: Average, dry, moist
- Bloom Time: Yellow in August, September, October
- Size: 1-3 feet in height; 1-3 foot spread

Compact pollinator plant that is shade tolerant and well-suited for a wildlife or shade garden or a natural area. Zigzag Goldenrod is good for massing and will spread by seed unless it is deadheaded. Does not require mulching because it is adapted to dry conditions. Semi-evergreen basal leaves provide erosion control.

Garden Companions

Goldenrods (*Solidago spp.*), Oxeye Sunflower (*Heliopsis helianthoides*), Blue Wood Aster (*Symphotrichum cordifolium*)

Nature Benefits

- Seeds attract Swamp Sparrows, Pine Siskins, and Meadow Mice
- Host plants for some moth caterpillar species
- Nectar plant for native bees, wasps, butterflies, and pollinating flies

Natural Habitat

Occurs in forests, protected slopes, wooded shores of rivers or lakes