

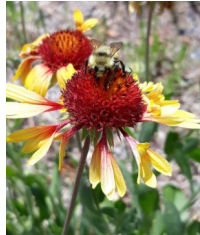


# UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

## Blanket Flower (*Gaillardia aristata*)



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**Zone:** 3-8

**Color:** Red, yellow

**Bloom Time:** July through September

**Plant Type:** Perennial herb

**Mature Height:** 24-36" high

**Mature Spread:** 12-24" wide

**Water Use:** Low to medium

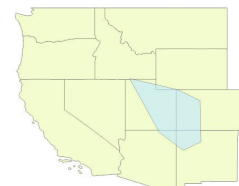
**Soil Type:** Well-drained, infertile soil

**Range and Native Habitat:** The Blanket Flower occurs in from southern Canada to Utah, Colorado, and South Dakota. It prefers plains, prairie, woodland, and montane meadow habitat types.

**Suggested Maintenance:** Plant untreated seed in spring or fall. Root divisions can be made in early spring. Deadheading will encourage fresh blooms throughout the growing season.

**Other:** This perennial requires little care once established. It is heat tolerant and a profuse bloomer. The name "Blanket Flower" is derived from the manner in which the plant "blankets the habitat when in bloom. The plant was used for a variety of purposes by Native Americans such as for waterproofing raw-hide bags and treating illnesses.

### Distribution Map



### Wildlife Supported



### Landscaping Information



**Sun**  
Full sun



**Water Needs**  
Low to medium



**Summer Irrigation**  
Max 1x / month once established



**Soil Drainage**  
Fast



**Propagation**  
By seed or root division