



UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

Prairie Coneflower (*Ratibida columnifera*)



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Zone: 4-8

Color: Mahogany red with yellow fringe or yellow

Bloom Time: May to October

Plant Type: Perennial herb

Mature Height: 12-36" tall

Mature Spread: 18" wide

Water Use: Low

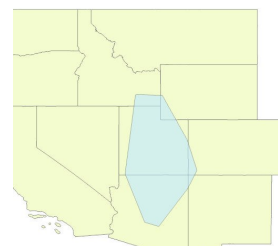
Soil Type: Well-drained loam and sand

Range and Native Habitat: The Prairie Coneflower ranges from Mexico to Canada throughout most of the United States. It occurs in prairies, plains, roadsides, and disturbed areas.

Suggested Maintenance: This species benefits from mulching and can be deadheaded to prolong the blooming period. Leave a few blooms for reseeding, if desired, and also for birds to eat over the winter.

Other: The Prairie Coneflower's bloom resembles a sombrero with a drooping brim. For this reason, it is also known as Mexican Hat. This plant readily reseeds. The flowers can be yellow or red in color. The plant withstands competition well and is fast-growing. It is highly resistant to deer, high in nectar, and provides seed for birds.

Distribution Map



Wildlife Supported



Landscaping Information



Sun
Full sun



Water Needs
Low



Summer Irrigation
Max 2x / month once established



Soil Drainage
Fast



Propagation
By seed, 9 wks stratification