Water Groundsel
(*Senecio hydrophilus*)

Zone: 6-9
Color: Yellow
Bloom Time: May to September
Plant Type: Biennial or perennial herb
Mature Height: 3-7’ tall
Mature Spread: 1-2’ wide
Water Use: Moderate to high

Soil Type: Loam, silt

Range and Native Habitat: The Water Groundsel can be found throughout the mid to northern part of the United States. It grows in swamps, marshes, and other wet environments, including standing water.

Suggested Maintenance: Leave foliage standing in the fall; this plant has hollow stems and may be beneficial to overwintering insects, such as native bees. Delay cutting in the spring (or bundle and hang the stems) to allow for emergence of insects.

Other: Water Groundsel also goes by the name of Water Ragwort. It is capable of growing in standing water, including salty water. It is pollinated by a large number of native bumble bees and butterflies.