



UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

Solidago canadensis (Canada Goldenrod)



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Zone: 3-9

Color: Yellow

Bloom Time: July to October

Plant Type: Perennial herb

Mature Height: 2-6' tall

Mature Spread: 6-12" wide

Water Use: Low

Soil Type: Well-drained, sandy, rocky, and clay soils.

Range and Native Habitat: The Canada Goldenrod is native to the northeastern and north-central United States. It is found in open sites, hillsides, stream banks, open woods, and disturbed areas.

Suggested Maintenance: Pruning stem tips early in the season can create bushier plants in the fall. Dead-heading will also prolong the bloom season. This species spreads through rhizomatous roots and either needs to be controlled or planted in an area where it has ample room to spread. Pull unwanted plants and remove flower heads in the fall to prevent the plant from spreading. This will also provide habitat for stem-nesting pollinators and beneficial insects. Or, leave the flower heads on the plant all winter for the birds to consume and for winter interest. When doing spring clean-up, wait for non-freezing nighttime temps to allow for insects to emerge from the stems.

Other: Canada Goldenrod blooms in the fall when few pollinator plants are available. It is visited by a wide array of pollinators, including migrating monarchs who are fueling up for their journey. Birds feed on the seeds during the fall and winter. The hollow stems are useful for wintering insects.

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, division of plants, and root cuttings.