

**Scientific name:** *Helianthus maximiliani*

**Common name(s):** Maximilian Sunflower

**Family:** Asteraceae (Sunflower)

**Native:** CO, Great Plains

**Habitat:** Plains, moist prairie, ditches

Maximilian Sunflower is a tall, robust bloomer. Plant at the back of a perennial bed or border and combine with Blue Sage (*Salvia azurea*), Milkweed (*Asclepias spp.*), Goldenrod (*Solidago spp.*), Aster (*Symphyotrichum spp.*), Ironweed (*Vernonia spp.*), Blazing Star (*Liatris spp.*) and native tallgrass prairie grasses. Maximilian Sunflowers provide late season nectar and pollen for butterflies, bees and other insects and its seeds are prized forage for birds.

**Plant type:** Perennial (may reseed)

**Elevation:** to 6000'

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** 4

**Exposure:** Full sun

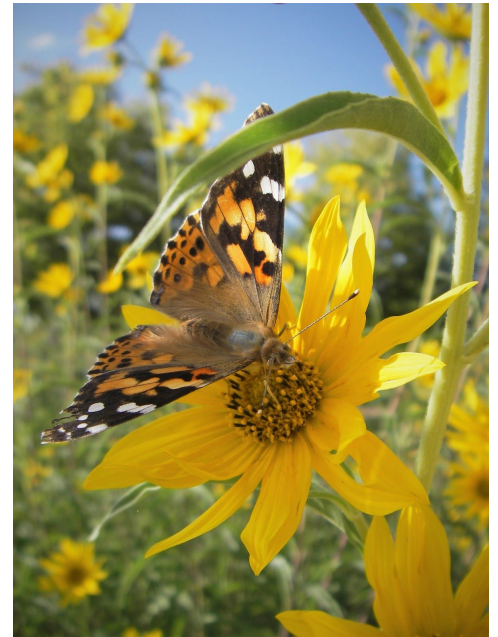
**Soil:** Clay, loam, sandy

**Moisture:** Moderate, low, dry

**Flower color:** Bright yellow

**Bloom time:** Late summer to early fall

**Mature size (height x width):** 3-8' x 2-5'



**Propagation:** Store seeds dry at 40°F or 70°F. Cold stratify for 6 weeks before sowing at 70-85°F. Seeds need light to germinate; cover very lightly.

