



Scientific name: *Heterotheca villosa* var. *foliosa*

Common name(s): Golden Aster, Hairy False Goldenaster

Family: Asteraceae (Sunflower)

Native: CO, West, upper Midwest

Habitat: Plains, foothills, rocky slopes, forest margins, sand dunes, scrub

This long-blooming, tap rooted perennial thrives in well-drained soil under dry conditions. It is a nectar and pollen source for bees and butterflies. It reseeds readily; expect it to spread. Combine with Fringed Sage (*Artemisia frigida*), Beardtongue (*Penstemon* sp.), Common Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*), Purple Prairie Clover (*Dalea purpurea*), Sulfur Flower Buckwheat (*Eriogonum umbellatum*), and Plains Prickly Pear (*Opuntia polyacantha*).

Plant type: Perennial (reseeds profusely)

Elevation: to 8,500'

USDA Hardiness Zone: 3

Exposure: Full sun

Soil: Poor, well-drained; prefers sandy or gravelly

Moisture: Dry, xeric

Flower color: Yellow

Bloom time: Late spring to early fall

Mature size (height x width): 15" x 20"



Propagation: Store seeds dry at 40°F. Sow after the last frost in situ or in cells. Cover lightly and keep moist. Seeds germinate at 70°F and above.



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