

	<p>Scientific name: <i>Berlandiera lyrata</i></p> <p>Common name(s): Chocolate Flower, Lyreleaf Greeneyes</p> <p>Family: Asteraceae (Sunflower)</p> <p>Native: CO, arid Southwest</p> <p>Habitat: Plains, dry meadows, dry, rocky slopes, roadsides</p> <p>This long-blooming perennial is extremely drought tolerant and the flowers smell like milk chocolate! Plant to soften the edges of sidewalks and driveways or spill over retaining walls. Combine with Bridges' Penstemon (<i>Penstemon rostriflorus</i>), Sagebrush (<i>Artemisia spp.</i>), Evening Primrose (<i>Oenothera spp.</i>), Sundrops (<i>Calylophus spp.</i>), Scarlet Globemallow (<i>Sphaeralcea coccinea</i>), Colorado Four O'Clock (<i>Mirabilis multiflora</i>), Winecups (<i>Callirhoe involucrata</i>), Grama Grass (<i>Bouteloua spp.</i>), Yucca (<i>Yucca spp.</i>) and cold-hardy cacti (<i>Opuntia spp.</i>, <i>Echinocereus spp.</i>, <i>Cylindropuntia spp.</i>). Cut plants back in July to maintain shape and to encourage longer blooming. Deer & rabbit resistant.</p>	
<p>Plant type: Perennial (may reseed)</p> <p>Elevation: Native range to 5200', cultivated to 6200'</p> <p>USDA Hardiness Zone: 4</p> <p>Exposure: Full sun</p> <p>Soil: Well-drained clay, sandy; low organic matter</p> <p>Moisture: Dry, xeric</p> <p>Flower color: Yellow</p> <p>Bloom time: Late spring to frost</p> <p>Mature size (height x width): 1-2' x 1-2'</p>		
	<p>Propagation: Collect bracts when brown and very dry. Rub hard on a soil sieve screen to dislodge the bracts. Store dry at 40° F. In late April soak the seeds in diluted peroxide (1/2 c. tepid water + 1/4 oz. 3% hydrogen peroxide) for 24 hours. Rinse. Sow in cells or in situ. Cover very lightly. Leaves emerge in 10 days.</p>	
		
		