



**Scientific name:** *Gaillardia aristata*

**Common name(s):** Blanketflower

**Family:** Asteraceae (Sunflower)

**Native:** CO, West, Northwest, Upper Great Plains, Great Lakes

**Habitat:** Montane, foothills, prairie, plains, meadows, roadsides, open slopes



Blanketflower's long-lasting and vibrant showy blooms pair well with Coneflower (*Echinacea spp.*), Blazing Star (*Liatris spp.*), Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*), Purple Prairie Clover (*Dalea purpurea*), Silvery Lupine (*Lupinus argenteus*), Lead Plant (*Amorpha canescens*) and native prairie grasses. Blanketflower produces nectar and pollen for bees and butterflies; its seeds are prized by birds in winter. Deer and rabbit resistant.

**Plant type:** Perennial

**Elevation:** to 9500'

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** 3

**Exposure:** Full sun

**Soil:** Loam, sandy, gravelly; well-drained, infertile

**Moisture:** Moderate, low, dry

**Flower color:** Yellow, yellow-bronze, yellow-red

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

**Mature size (height x width):** 15-30" x 15-24"



**Propagation:** No cold stratification is needed. Sow seeds in situ after danger of frost has passed in the spring and press lightly into the soil. OR Sow in cells and cover the seeds lightly. Germination can be erratic.

