

# *Helianthus pumilus*

# Little/Dwarf Sunflower



<b>Plant type:</b>	Perennial
<b>Season of Interest:</b>	Mid to late summer
<b>Height:</b> 18-36"	<b>Spread:</b> 18-36"
<b>Water needs:</b>	Low, xeric
<b>Native Region:</b>	CO, WY
<b>Elevation:</b>	to 9,500'
<b>Important to know:</b>	Leave heads through winter for birds to eat



<b>Maintenance:</b>	Low
<b>Characteristics:</b>	Showy
<b>Garden uses:</b>	Pollinator garden
<b>Habitat:</b>	Prairie, meadow



## Ease of Propagation: Medium

**Propagation:** Clean and dry seeds asap after harvest; put in freezer for 2 weeks to treat for weevils. Store seeds dry at 40°F. Sow seeds in mid Dec. and put outside for the winter OR cold stratify at 40°F for 2 months, then sow, covering the seeds lightly. Outdoor sowing with some native soil (and temperature fluctuations) seems to result in better germination percentages.

