

Brown-Eyed Susan

Scientific Name: *Rudbeckia triloba* 'Prairie Glow'



<u>Life Cycle</u>	<u>Plant Height</u>	<u>Plant Spacing</u>	<u>Soil Moisture</u>	<u>Sun Exposure</u>	<u>Bloom Period</u>
Perennial	2-4 Feet	1-3 Feet	Medium Wet/Dry	Full, Partial	July-October

Rudbeckia triloba's many common names include Brown-Eyed Susan, Branched Coneflower, Thin-Leaved Coneflower, and Three-Lobed Coneflower. Its native range extends from New York to Minnesota and south to Utah and Texas. The plant's dark green alternate leaves are slightly hairy and are divided into three oval parts, hence the species name '*triloba*'.

While it prefers moderate moisture, Brown-Eyed Susan tolerates most conditions, including drought, once it is established. A short-lived perennial, it self-seeds readily and flowers in its second year. Because it is such a profuse self-seeder, it may overwhelm small landscapes so is not recommended in a wildflower garden. Maroon stems support abundant bright yellow flowers which are flat, one to two inches across, with jet black centers that fade to brown. Blooming from late summer until hard frost, Brown-Eyed Susan reaches two to five feet tall and becomes bushy if not crowded by other plants. It makes an excellent cut flower that complements any of the tall native grasses and common prairie wildflowers.