

# A Grow Native! Top 10 List

FEATURED CATEGORY:

## TOP 10 NATIVE GOLDENRODS FOR GARDENS

Heavy Nectar Production • Attractive to Monarchs • Tried and True

	NATIVE PLANT NAME	HEIGHT	SUN/SHADE	UNIQUE QUALITY
1	Atlantic goldenrod <i>Solidago arguta</i>	2-3 ft.	Sun-part shade	Arching flower stems. Golden-yellow.
2	Blue-stem goldenrod <i>S. caesia</i>	2 ft.	Sun-part shade	Graceful stems and small flower clusters.
3	Buckley's goldenrod <i>S. buckleyi</i>	2 ft.	Sun-part shade	Lemon-yellow. Naturalizes in woods.
4	Cliff goldenrod <i>S. drummondii</i>	1-2 ft.	Sun-part shade	Flower stems pendulous. Compact plants.
5	Gray goldenrod <i>S. nemoralis</i>	1-2 ft.	Full sun	Short-lived perennial. Very drought-tolerant.
6	Riddell's goldenrod <i>S. ridellii</i>	2 ft.	Full sun	Tolerates flooding. Round flower clusters.
7	Rough-leaved goldenrod <i>S. rugosa</i>	2-3 ft.	Sun-part shade	Wet woodlands. Pyramidal flower clusters.
8	Showy goldenrod <i>S. speciosa</i>	2-3 ft.	Full sun	Narrow upright flower clusters. Red stems.
9	Stiff goldenrod <i>S. rigida</i>	2-3 ft.	Full sun	Clumps enlarge quickly. Aggressive.
10	Zig-zag goldenrod <i>S. flexicaulis</i>	1-2 ft.	Sun-part shade	Suckering roots. Solid groundcover.

This list is intended as a starting point. It is not in ranked order. It was created by Scott Woodbury, based on his many years of experience and observations as the Curator of the Whitmire Wildflower Garden at Shaw Nature Reserve. For details on soil moisture and other growing needs, visit [www.grownative.org](http://www.grownative.org), Native Plant Database. For sources of these plants to purchase, visit the website's Resource Guide.

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