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Sneezeweed, Dogtooth Daisy

Helenium autumnale

Light:	Full Sun
Soil:	Sand, Loam, Clay
Moisture:	Moist, Wet
Benefits:	Deer Resistant
Height:	4'-5'
Blooms:	Aug, Sep
Zones:	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Color:	Yellow
Spacing:	1'
Root:	Fibrous

Common sneezeweed's cheery, abundant blooms can be found in late summer to fall, often attracting bees and butterflies. It usually grows in moist to wet openings, edges, shores, and thickets. Plants can reach five feet or more in height in ideal conditions.

In some situations, the plants can become tall enough to need staking; they can be cut back in early summer to force shorter, more-branched flowering heads. Flowering clumps can be divided every few years. The common name is based on historic use of the crushed dried leaves and heads to make a form of snuff that caused sneezing. Leaves, flowers, and seeds are poisonous, so don't plant in pastureland.