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Blue-stemmed Goldenrod

Solidago caesia

Light: Partial Shade, Shade

Soil: Loam, Clay-Loam

Moisture: Medium, Medium-Dry

Benefits: Pollinators, Birds, Deer Resistant

Height: 1' to 3'

Blooms: Aug, Sep, Oct

Zones: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Color: Yellow

Spacing: 2' to 3'

Root: Fibrous

Blue-stemmed Goldenrod is one of only two native goldenrods that do well in woodland shade. The plant prefers soil that is loamy or loamy clay and can include rocky material. The name is derived from the stems that may be bluegray in mature plants. The flowers attract a wide variety of insects; it has been designated as a plant that is of special value to native bees according to the Pollinator Program of The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation.

Preferring light shade, Blue-stemmed Goldenrod can be added to open woodland gardens, borders, cottage and/or butterfly gardens. The plant is considered to be deer resistant although deer may graze on the lower leaves.