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Prairie Coneflower

Ratibida columnifera

Light: Sun, Partial Sun

Soil: Loam, Sand, Clay, Rocky

Moisture Medium, Medium-Dry, Dry

Benefits: Birds, Pollinators, Bees, Butterflies

Height: 2' to 3'

Blooms: June, July, August

Zones: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Color: Yellow

Spacing: 18"-24"

Root: Taproot

If you are looking for a yellow-petaled coneflower that won't tower over you, check out *Ratibida columnifera*. Generally between two and three feet tall, it reseeds readily and makes a nice filler in a large planting. Prairie Coneflower's other name, Mexican Hat, refers to its distinguishing feature, a tall central cone surrounded by pretty, drooping petals. With a long taproot, it tolerates drought with ease and does well in a variety of soils.